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## Left Turn for Soriano

**ON SECOND THOUGHT ...:** Nationals slugger Alfonso Soriano patrols left field in a spring training game against the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday, two days after refusing to take the field because he insisted on playing second base. ♦ **Staying put:** Soriano move is for the season | **Page 15**

### OFFENSE | Baa, Baa, Politically Correct Sheep

Teachers at schools in Oxfordshire, England, have changed the words of the nursery rhyme "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep" to "Baa, Baa, Rainbow Sheep" because they are concerned the original



lyrics could be offensive, Cox News Service reported. "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep" has nothing to do with race, but refers to a tax imposed on wool in the 18th century, when black wool was taxed at a lower rate, historians said. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

## Historic Buyouts For GM

Incentives of up to \$140,000 aim to slash U.S. work force

**DETROIT |** In one of the largest buyout programs ever, more than 125,000 hourly workers of General Motors Corp. and auto supplier Delphi Corp. are being offered up to \$140,000 to give up their jobs to help cut the companies' crippling labor costs.

GM did not say how many workers it expected to accept the offer, but it is aiming to slash 30,000 hourly jobs by 2008.

GM and Delphi have said that if enough workers sign up for buyouts or early retirement, their operating costs would drop significantly. Analysts warned that it still might not be enough to restore the companies' financial health or avoid a paralyzing strike.

Under the program, about 113,000 GM workers will be eligible for early-retirement incentives or buyouts of between \$35,000 and \$140,000.

At Delphi, GM's former parts division and largest supplier, 13,000 U.S. hourly workers will be eligible for a lump sum payment of \$35,000 to retire. Also, up to 5,000 Delphi workers will be eligible to return to GM.

The deal comes at a critical time for GM, which increased by \$2 billion its reported 2005 loss to \$10.6 billion last week. The world's largest automaker has been losing U.S. market share to Asian automakers and is saddled with labor agreements that make it difficult to close plants or cut workers. The plan also is crucial for Delphi, the largest U.S. auto parts supplier, which is reorganizing in bankruptcy court after filing for Chapter 11 protection in October. DEE-ANN DURBIN (AP)

# eyeOpeners

## PUBLIC INTOXICATION

### Since Bars Prefer Patrons to Stay Sober

Alcoholic Beverage Commission agents swept through Irving, Texas, last week, arresting people for public intoxication — inside bars, KXAS-TV reported. Dozens were taken in as officials did checks in 36 bars. The action was described as an effort to prevent drunken driving — even though at least one sweep was done in a hotel bar where guests said they had no intention to drive. “Going to a bar is not an opportunity to go get drunk,” Capt. David Alexander said. “It’s to have a good time, but not to get drunk.” Many residents disagreed. “If a guy’s got a designated driver, go ahead and let him get toasted,” Steve Harvey said. (EXPRESS)



## DAMAGES

### Also Suing Over Belch From Tupperware Lid

A Bristol, England, teacher is suing the city for more than \$1.7 million because it would not replace a chair that made a “farting” noise when she sat in it — subjecting her to her students’ ridicule, the Guardian reported. Sue Storer left her \$83,000-a-year art-teaching job in September after the school bought her a new chair to replace an older one. But the new chair, she said, “was very embarrassing to sit on,” she said, because it made “very embarrassing farting sounds. It was a regular joke that my chair would make these farting sounds, and I regularly had to apologize that it wasn’t me.” (EXPRESS)



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## WILDLIFE

### Wolf Trap

Manhattan got a little taste of the wild, wild west Wednesday, as New York police sharpshooters armed with tranquilizer guns pursued a wily coyote that was eventually captured in Central Park. The coyote, nicknamed Hal by Parks Department staffers, may have wandered into the city from Westchester County, perhaps by swimming across a river, officials said. Or perhaps he rode across on a huge rocket that he ordered from Acme.

(EXPRESS)

## CYCLICALITY

### Somebody Sell Pot To Bail This Guy Out

A Denver father was arrested for selling marijuana as a way to raise bond

money for his sons, after they were jailed earlier this month for selling marijuana, the Rocky Mountain News reported. Oscar Garcia



was caught on surveillance with 50 pounds of marijuana that, he said, he intended to sell to get the money to bail out his sons, police spokesman Sonny Jackson said. Garcia is now also in jail. (EXPRESS)

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The number of New York residents per million who are likely to develop cancer from exposure to the state's air toxins, according to the latest EPA data. New York and California were judged to have the dirtiest air in the nation.

## Nation

## In Brief

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

**Official: FAA Didn't Know Of Moussaoui's Plans**

A former top security official at the Federal Aviation Administration testified Wednesday that numerous security measures could have been implemented to protect against hijackings had officials known of Zacarias Moussaoui's terrorist plans. Robert Cammaroto said the FAA could have redeployed federal air marshals and directed flight crews to resist hijackers if they had known that al Qaeda terrorists were training pilots to take over planes and fly them into buildings. (AP)

DETROIT

**Schools Shuttered Amid Teacher Protest Over Pay**

About 1,500 of Detroit's 10,000 teachers stayed home Wednesday, forcing more than 50 schools to close in what school officials described as a sick-out to protest a temporary pay cut. The teachers are upset because some principals are getting raises while they are giving up five days of pay to help balance the district's budget, district spokeswoman Mattie Majors said. (AP)

**Antidepressant Woes**

→ Antidepressants fail to cure half of all people with major depression, even when patients are given the best possible care, according to a government study released Wednesday. | **Today, A Section**

**IN** The Washington Post

# Bush: Iraq Needs Unity Government

## President says Iraqi troops must soon lead fight against insurgents

WHEELING, W.VA. | President Bush said Wednesday he feels Iraqi political figures need to urgently get a representative government together that can unify a nation now embroiled in civil strife.

"It's time," Bush said. "It's time to get a government in place."

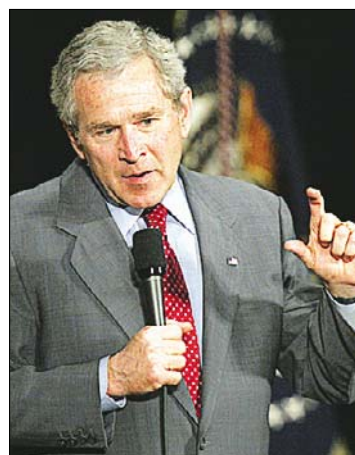
Speaking for the third time in as many days about Iraq and the war against terrorism, he also said it's important for Iraqi security forces

to begin taking the lead in the fight for their future.

"It's the Iraqis' fight," the president told an audience here. "These troops that we're training are going to have to stand up and defend their democracy."

Bush backed his administration's new nuclear agreement with India and reaffirmed his belief that Iran must not be allowed to have a nuclear weapon.

He also said he was upset that an Afghan man is being tried for converting to Christianity. Abdul Rahman, 41, faces a possible death penalty for converting from Islam



President Bush urged Iraqi leaders to put aside their sectarian differences.

to Christianity 16 years ago. He has been charged with rejecting Islam, a crime under the country's Islamic laws.

Overall, however, Bush claimed success in Afghanistan.

"We removed the Taliban from power, we've denied al Qaeda safe haven and that young country, that young democracy is now beginning to grow. Twenty-five million people are liberated as a result of the United States defending itself," Bush said.

He acknowledged, however, that there was more work to be done.

JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

## PITTSBURGH | A HUNTER, HUNTED



**FALSE ALARM:** Members of a Pittsburgh SWAT team deploy after a 911 caller reported seeing a man with a rifle on a downtown roof. The potential sniper turned out to be a man with a pellet gun that he used to shoot pigeons. There was no immediate word on whether charges would be filed.

## Fractured High Court Limits Police Searches

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that police cannot search a home when one resident invites them in but another tells them to go away, provoking a strong objection from the new chief justice about the possible impact on battered women.

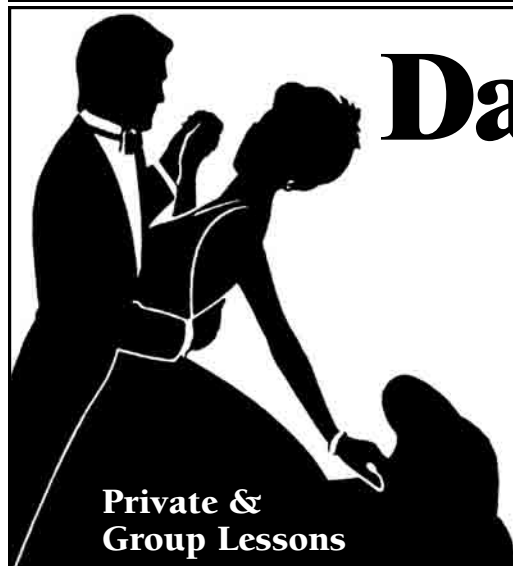
The 5-3 decision put new limits on officers who want to search for evidence of a crime without obtaining a warrant first. If one occupant tells them no, the search is unconstitutional, justices said.

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote his first dissent, predicting severe consequences for women who want

police to come in but are overruled by abusive husbands.

The decision ended a trend of one-sided rulings by the court. About two-thirds of the 30 rulings under the leadership of Roberts have been unanimous, a high number on a court that has in the past been polarized along ideological lines.

The court's liberal members, joined by centrist Anthony M. Kennedy, said that an officer responding to a domestic dispute call did not have the authority to search the home of a small-town Georgia lawyer in 2001 even though the man's wife invited him in. (AP)



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# Nation

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The value of shipments of cocaine U.S. officials say that 50 leaders of FARC, Colombia's largest rebel group, pumped around the world to finance their fight at home. The U.S. levied official charges against the leaders in an indictment unsealed Wednesday.

## Dog Handler Gets 6 Months

### Seargant convicted of abusing Iraqi prisoners unrepentant in court

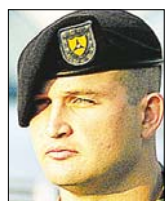
FORT MEADE, MD. | An Army dog handler was sentenced Wednesday to six months behind bars for using his snarling canine to torment prisoners at Abu Ghraib.

The military jury handed down the sentence a day after convicting Sgt. Michael J. Smith, 24, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He could have gotten 8½ years in prison.

Smith was sentenced on five charges, including maltreatment of prisoners, conspiring with another dog handler in a contest to try to frighten detainees at the Iraqi prison into soiling themselves, and directing his dog to lick peanut butter off other people's bodies.

Smith was also demoted to private and will receive a bad-conduct discharge after getting out of prison. He will forfeit \$2,250 in pay.

Prosecutors said he let his unmuzzled black Belgian shepherd bark and lunge at cowering Iraqis for his own amusement. The defense argued that Smith believed he was following orders to soften up prisoners for interrogation.



Smith

Smith appeared unrepentant when he addressed the jury Tuesday, shortly after he was convicted. "Soldiers are not supposed to be soft and cuddly," he said. Smith also said he wished he had gotten his orders in writing.

Nine other soldiers have been

convicted of abusing prisoners at Abu Ghraib. Among other things, prisoners were photographed in sexually humiliating poses.

Former Cpl. Charles Graner Jr. received the longest sentence — 10 years in prison. Lynndie England, a 23-year-old reservist, is serving three years behind bars.

In closing arguments, prosecutors urged the jury to send Smith to prison for at least three years, suggesting that his actions could undermine U.S. standing in the world.

But the defense said Smith should not serve jail time and instead be returned to his family and unit. Defense attorney Capt. Scott Rolle told the jury that while Smith made mistakes at Abu Ghraib, he is also a hero for saving the lives of other U.S. soldiers during a mortar attack.

DAVID DISHNEAU (AP)

### OAKLAND, CALIF. | BOMB SCARE ON BART



**ALL CLEAR:** A Bay Area Rapid Transit employee ushers riders back to trains Wednesday at the West Oakland station in Oakland, Calif. A bomb scare shut down the station during the morning rush hour, causing major delays throughout the east San Francisco Bay area, officials said.

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# World



**STICKING POINT:** China plans to impose a 5 percent consumption tax on disposable wooden chopsticks as part of a push to stop wasting timber. China makes about 15 billion pairs of throwaway chopsticks a year, using some 71 million cubic feet of wood.

## Spain's Separatists Lay Down Arms

### Basque militant ETA group vows to push democracy in region

VITORIA, SPAIN | The Basque militant group ETA ended a decades-long campaign of terror, announcing a permanent cease-fire Wednesday that closes the door on one of Western Europe's last armed separatist movements.

In a videotaped statement, three shrouded ETA members said they were laying down their weapons to promote democracy in the northern Spanish region. The news prompted jubilation across Spain, where citi-



Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero reacted with caution and hope.

zens say they can hardly believe the end has come for a group blamed for more than 800 deaths and \$15.5 billion in damage.

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who has made granting more rule to Spain's regions a key goal, expressed caution at ETA's statement. He was evasive when asked if he would start negotiating with ETA under an offer he made last year, contingent on the group renouncing violence.

Zapatero said that until now, Spain's political parties had been joined in pain over ETA violence. "Now I trust we will be joined in hope."

ETA, established in the late 1960s, campaigned to carve out an independent Basque homeland in northern Spain and southwest France. The group has announced cease-fires in the past but never one it has called permanent.

Barbara Durkhop, the widow of ETA victim Enrique Casas, killed in 1984, said she was hopeful but nervous.

"The first thing I thought was that now there will be no more deaths," she told Spanish television station Quatro. "This could pave the way, once and for all, to the peace process that we have waited for so long." ALBERTO LETONA (AP)

## In Brief



Bolivian police officers escort accused bomber Claudio Lestad in La Paz.

### LA PAZ, BOLIVIA American Arrested After Hotel Blasts Leave 2 Dead

An American man and his Uruguayan girlfriend were arrested Wednesday after bombs severely damaged two low-budget hotels in Bolivia's capital, killing two people and injuring at least seven. Police said they believe the pair had "religious motives" for the attack and had plans to bomb the Chilean consulate in La Paz on Saturday, police said. (AP)

### JERUSALEM Hamas Calls Special Session Of Parliament to OK Cabinet

The militant Islamic group Hamas moved closer to controlling the Palestinian government Wednesday, calling a special session of parliament to approve its new Cabinet despite objections from President Mahmoud Abbas over its refusal to recognize Israel. Acting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert kept up the pressure on Hamas, telling a TV station six days before Israel's election that if there are no talks with the Palestinians, Israel will draw its own borders. (AP)

### MOGADISHU, SOMALIA Rival Militias Engage In Heavy Fighting, Killing 20

Islamic militiamen battled rival forces who have been challenging their growing power Wednesday, killing at least 20 people in some of the heaviest recent fighting in the chaotic Somali capital. More than 60 people were wounded as the two sides fought using rocket-propelled grenades, anti-aircraft guns and machine guns, according to witnesses and doctors at the Medina and Keysaney hospitals. (AP)

## Iraqi Jail Raid Foiled By Troops

### Some 50 insurgents captured after second attempt at prison siege

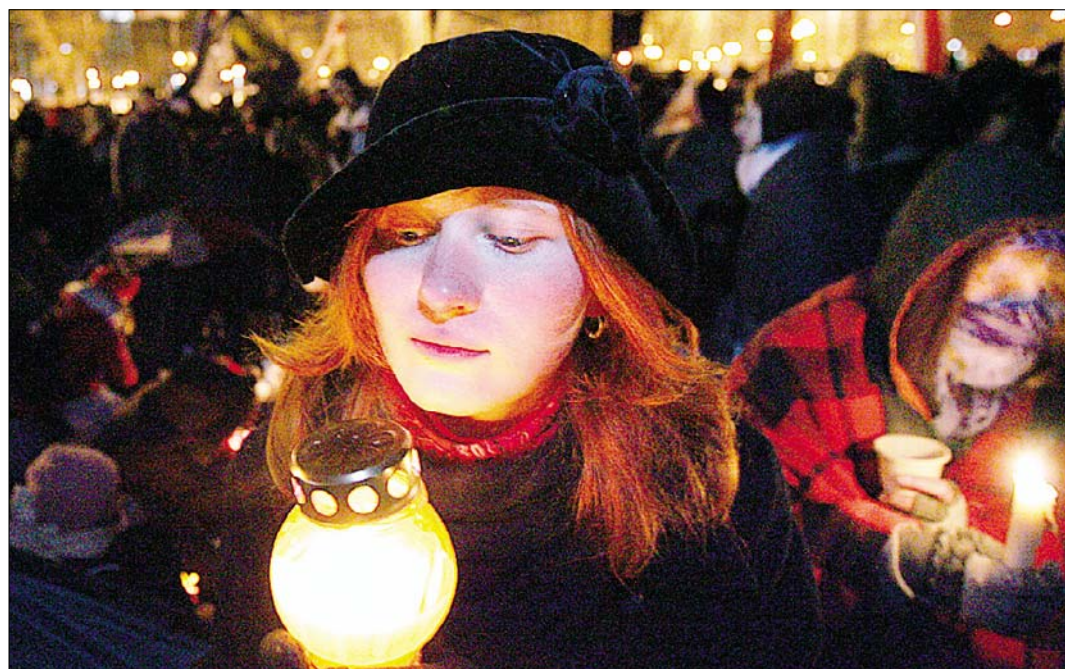
BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Insurgents emboldened by a successful raid and jail-break laid siege to another prison facility Wednesday, but police said U.S. troops and a special Iraqi unit overwhelmed the gunmen and captured 50 of them at the detention center south of Baghdad.

The pre-dawn attack came a day after 100 Sunni gunmen freed 33 prisoners and wrecked the jail, police station and courthouse in the town of Muqdadiyah north-east of the capital.

Madain is at the northern tip of Iraq's Sunni-dominated "Triangle of Death," a farming region rife with sectarian violence — retaliatory kidnappings and killings between Sunnis and Shiites.

Police have discovered hundreds of corpses in the past four weeks, victims of religious militants on a rampage of revenge killing. At least 21 more bodies were found Wednesday, including those of 16 Shiite pilgrims found on a Baghdad highway, police said. (AP)

## BELARUS | OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS STAND THEIR GROUND



**LIGHT O' MINE:** A supporter of Belarus' opposition candidate Alexander Milinkevich holds a lamp in downtown Minsk early Wednesday as part of a protest vigil over the disputed re-election of authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko. While police have not moved to disperse protesters, they have sought to lower their numbers with a campaign of arrests and harassment similar to the conduct Western nations have said made the election wildly unfair.

## EU Issues List of 92 Banned Airlines

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | The European Union on Wednesday banned 92 airlines, most of them based in Africa, from landing at European airports, declaring them unsafe by international standards.

The ban applies to cargo and passenger carriers from Congo,

Equatorial Guinea, Sierra Leone, Swaziland and Liberia judged to have an "inadequate system for regulatory oversight" or insufficient safety standards.

EU Transport Commissioner Jacques Barrot said the EU was barring 50 carriers from Congo

alone, 14 from Sierra Leone and seven from Swaziland, virtually ensuring that all airlines operating from those countries were prevented from flying to Europe.

The EU moved to set up a single list after several fatal airline crashes in Greece and Italy last year and the fatal crash of Egypt's Flash Airlines in the Red Sea in June 2004. (AP)



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**DOUBLE THE FUN:** Carnival is so fun, some Brazilian politicians want it twice a year. The Rio de Janeiro city council has passed a bill that would create a second Carnival celebration, six months after the traditional pre-Lenten bash. The bill now goes to the mayor.

## World

# Afghan Convert Said Unfit for Trial

**Prosecutor says man facing possible death penalty could be 'mad'**

**KABUL, AFGHANISTAN** | An Afghan man facing a possible death penalty for converting from Islam to Christianity may be mentally unfit to stand trial, a state prosecutor said Wednesday amid growing interna-

tional condemnation of the case.

Abdul Rahman, 41, has been charged with rejecting Islam, a crime under this country's Islamic laws. His trial started last week and he confessed to becoming a Christian 16 years ago. If convicted, he could be executed.

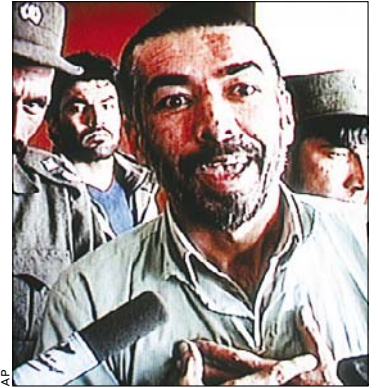
"We think he could be mad. He is not a normal person. He doesn't talk like a normal person," prosecutor Sarinwal Zamari told The Associated Press.

A Western diplomat in Kabul and a human rights advocate — both of whom spoke on condition of anonymity — said the government was desperately searching for a way to drop the case.

The United States, Britain and other countries have voiced concern about Rahman's fate.

The case is believed to be the first of its kind in Afghanistan and highlights a struggle between religious conservatives and reformists over what shape Islam should take after the ouster of the Taliban.

The Afghan constitution is based on Shariah law, which is interpreted by many Muslims to require that any Muslim who rejects Islam be sentenced to death. DANIEL COONEY (AP)



Abdul Rahman is charged with rejecting Islam, a crime under Afghan law.



**WIPED OUT:** Banana farmer Kerry Alcock stands Wednesday in his storm-damaged grove near the town of Innisfail, Australia, the city hardest hit by Cyclone Larry.

## Banana Farmers Feel Wrath of Wild Cyclone

**Australian growers hit by huge storm find little left to salvage**

**INNISFAIL, AUSTRALIA** | Plantation owner Kerry Alcock roamed his fields, machete in hand, seeking to salvage what he could of his banana crop.

When he finds a heavy bunch still fit to sell amid the tangle of debris, the 58-year-old lugs it out on his back — a method he hasn't used since his youth.

In the lush agricultural region of northern Queensland state, the farmers who produce most of Australia's bananas were among those who lost their livelihoods to Cyclone Larry, a Category 5 storm

with winds reaching 180 mph.

The damage has sent banana prices skyrocketing 2½ times and kindled fears that markets could be open to imported fruit, a development that also has the potential of letting in foreign diseases that could decimate the local industry.

Prime Minister John Howard sought to reassure banana growers during a visit to the region Wednesday that included a stop on Alcock's farm just north of Innisfail. On the tour, Howard announced a multimillion dollar package of low-interest loans and tax-free grants for farmers and other businesses.

Alcock said he hoped to have his fields back in order by October.

"We'll get by. We survived before," he said. BURT HERMAN (AP)



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**SOCIAL INSECURITY:** Social Security numbers of many D.C. voters — including the mayor and councilmembers — were visible on copies of voter history records obtained by WTOP Radio from the elections board, the station said Wednesday.

Local

# Metro Rolls Out Hybrids

New buses touted for using environment friendly technology

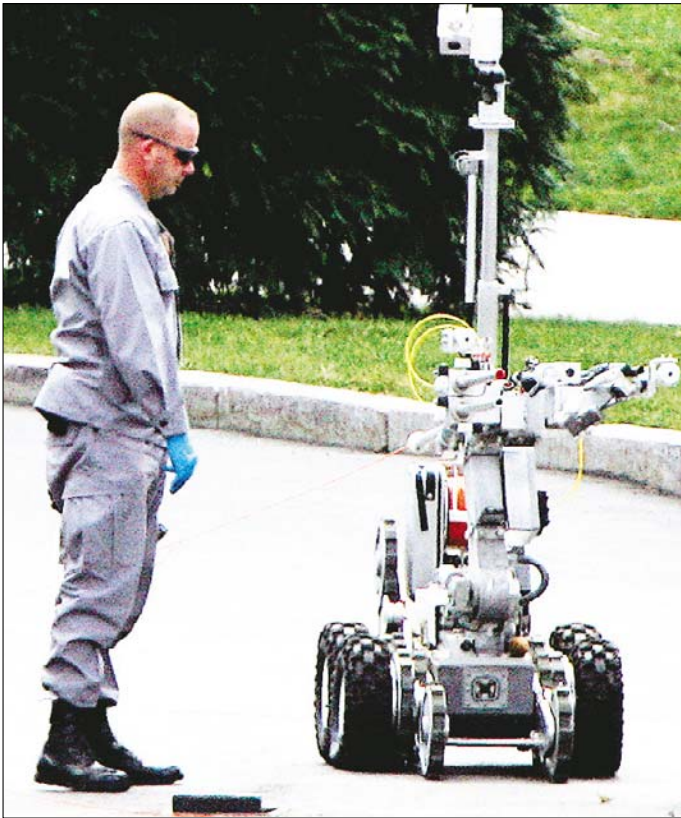
LANDOVER, MD. | Metro unveiled the first of its silver, hybrid diesel-electric buses Wednesday, the latest effort by the transit system to use less fuel and reduce pollution. Gov. Robert Ehrlich rode on the shiny, 39-seat “New Flyer” bus, which receives its electrical power from batteries on the roof.

Ehrlich called the bus the future of reducing pollution, and praised Metro for embracing the technology.

“The future is here, the future is now,” he said, adding that he would continue to work with Metro to make the agency environmental-friendly.

Metro already has 38 hybrid buses on area roads, but they do not feature the same design as the new model, which includes the phrase “Powered by Clean Hybrid Electric Technology” painted in black letters on the side. BRIAN WESTLEY (AP)

WHITE HOUSE | SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE CHECK



**INSPECTOR GADGET:** A robot is sent to investigate a suspicious package Wednesday on the North Lawn of the White House. The package contained nothing dangerous, officials said, and a suspect was taken into custody.

# Officials Admit Need To Improve HIV Efforts

‘Report card’ criticizes District leadership in battling against disease

WASHINGTON | D.C. officials admitted Wednesday they don’t know how many people are HIV-positive in the city and are concerned many who carry the disease don’t know it.

Calling it time to “make sure that HIV testing becomes routine in our medical settings,” Administration for HIV Policy and Programs direc-

tor Marsha Martin said she wants HIV information in health classes for all students. Martin also urged discussions about HIV and AIDS in homes, churches and businesses.

Officials spoke ahead of Thursday’s release of a “report card” by research group D.C. Appleseed, which graded efforts to improve social programs and health services for those with HIV. While services have improved, the report noted weaknesses in critical areas, including leadership. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

## In Brief

**WASHINGTON**  
**Williams Again Pushes For Local Nationals Ownership**

Mayor Williams said Wednesday he is continuing to urge baseball commissioner Bud Selig to pick a local ownership group for the Washington Nationals. Williams said he broached the subject again over the weekend in San Diego, while both men were attending the World Baseball Classic. “He’s very, very keenly aware of the importance of local ownership,” said Williams, adding that the commissioner also understands the importance of diversity. (AP)

**BLADENSBURG, MD.**  
**Officials Say Towel on Lamp Caused Fatal Apartment Fire**

A towel left atop a bedroom lamp ignited the apartment fire that killed a toddler Tuesday, investigators said Wednesday. Nineteen-month-old Jeovanny Rodriguez died in the burning home; the toddler’s mother and older brother made it out of the third-floor apartment but suffered smoke inhalation. Two neighbors also sustained minor injuries. Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department authorities labeled the cause of the fire accidental and said they are unsure whether the apartment’s smoke detector sounded. Total damage from the fire was estimated at around \$30,000. (AP)

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Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-6-8-4
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	4-2-1-6
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## Money

# Wal-Mart Moves Upscale

Discounter opens new Texas store aimed at attracting the affluent

PLANO, TEXAS | Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has overcome its rural roots and downscale image to attract affluent shoppers, but executives admit that many of those well-heeled consumers come only for cheap groceries and steer clear of the other merchandise.

In its boldest effort yet to target upscale shoppers, the world's largest retailer is opening a new store this week with an expanded selection of high-end electronics, more fine jewelry, hundreds of types of wine and even a sushi bar.

Wal-Mart says it won't duplicate this format anywhere else. But if plasma TVs, microbrewed beer and fancy balsamic vinegar sell in Plano, those items could be added to other stores.

Retail experts say nearly half of American families shop at Wal-Mart at least once a week. They say the retail giant has nearly tapped out its middle-class base and must attract consumers who love Target and Costco but not Wal-Mart.

Wal-Mart profits keep rising, but not as fast as Wall Street expects, and same-store sales, those at locations open at least a year, rose fast-



**FINER THINGS:** A new Wal-Mart store in Plano, Texas, is experimenting with offering upscale merchandise like fine wines, foods, plasma TVs and microbrewed beer.

er in 2005 at smaller but trendier Target Corp. Analysts say that despite low prices, Wal-Mart suffers from a perception that its merchandise is lower quality, which turns off consumers who can afford better.

In recent months, some Wal-Marts began selling upscale bed-and-bath items and its new Metro 7 and no boundaries clothing lines — all of which are highlighted in the new store.

The new store, which opens Wednesday, is 217,000 square feet, about 20,000 square feet bigger than the average Supercenter.

The blue and gray Wal-Mart exterior gave way to two-tone brick. Inside, wood floors and wide aisles abound. Even employees look different in khaki pants and navy polo shirts instead of blue smocks.

The new store is just as notable for what is missing. The store won't sell guns. It has far less space devoted to garden, fishing, camping and automotive products.

"This customer is telling us they're not doing it themselves," said Ryan Lincks, the store's project manager. "They don't change their own oil." DAVID KOENIG (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Transmont	9.22	+1.80	+24.3
Salton	2.06	+0.36	+21.2
BrMySq	25.24	+2.41	+10.6
GrayTele	8.30	+0.77	+10.2
AlonUSA n	23.85	+2.00	+9.2

#### Losers

FairfxFg	113.93	-16.97	-13.0
Regis Cp	33.49	-3.93	-10.5
Worthgt	18.22	-1.89	-9.4
OdysseyR	21.22	-1.84	-8.0
WestlkChm	33.72	-2.07	-5.8

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.50	7.50
Fed Funds close	4.5625	4.50
3-month disc	4.58	4.49
2-year	4.74	4.64
10-year	4.70	4.69
30-year	4.72	4.70

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ACIaim	2.85	+0.65	+29.5
EdgrOnl	4.88	+0.82	+20.2
Chaparral n	57.50	+8.16	+16.5
NABI Bio	5.56	+0.76	+15.8
WorldSp n	6.85	+0.90	+15.1

#### Losers

GenBiotc	3.23	-1.01	-23.8
SigmDg	13.55	-2.32	-14.6
Authentdte	3.01	-0.45	-13.0
AvantImm	2.31	-0.23	-9.1
Quigley	8.86	-0.83	-8.6

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5725	.5722	.5309
Canadian Dollar	1.1657	1.1628	1.2087
European Euro	.8279	.8266	.7651
Japanese Yen	116.85	117.10	105.57
Mexican Peso	10.8593	10.8250	11.2360
Taiwanese Dollar	32.51	32.46	31.29

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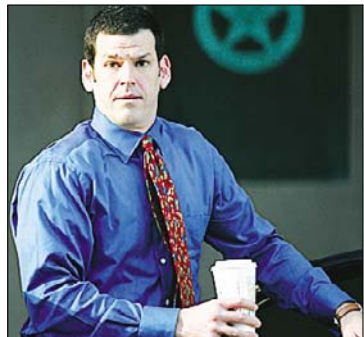
### Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AustNZ	94.10	+0.60	+6.9
BcoSnCH	14.74	+0.20	+11.8
BkofAm	46.99	+0.42	+1.8
BkNova g	40.71	-0.31	+2.8
Citigrp	47.67	+0.45	-1.8
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MitsuUFJ	14.47	+0.03	+5.7
RoyalBk g	85.27	-0.01	+9.3
TorDBk g	55.98	-0.25	+6.2
UBS AG	109.96	+0.63	+15.6
US Bancrp	31.19	+0.09	+4.3
Wachovia	56.94	+0.05	+7.7
WA Mutl	44.36	+0.47	+2.0
WellsFrgo	65.37	+0.49	+4.0



## Money

### In Brief



Former Enron treasurer Ben Glisan Jr. arrives at court in Houston Wednesday.

#### HOUSTON

#### Ex-Enron Treasurer Tells of Lay's Queries on Accounting

Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay worried in 2001 that the company's mounting financial problems would jeopardize its credit rating and inquired about managing its accounting to avoid a downgrade, a former Enron treasurer testified Wednesday. Former Treasurer Ben Glisan Jr. testified that Lay assigned him to feel out credit-rating agencies about how large some required accounting writedowns could be without jeopardizing Enron's rating. (AP)

#### LOS ANGELES

#### KB Home Reports 42% Rise in Profits; Net Orders Down

KB Home, one of the nation's biggest homebuilders, said Wednesday that its fiscal first-quarter profit rose 42 percent on higher revenues and improved margins, but reported a 12 percent drop in net home orders. The total average selling price of a KB Home rose 17 percent to \$276,200, the company said. (AP)

#### NEW YORK

#### Stocks Jump on Strong Earnings, News of Key Deals

Stocks rose Wednesday on upbeat news from big companies: a patent settlement by Bristol-Myers Squibb, strong earnings from Morgan Stanley and a cost-cutting deal from General Motors Corp. The gains were enough to push the Dow Jones industrial average to a new five-year high. Tech stocks were flat after Microsoft Corp. said it would delay the launch of the consumer version of its new operating system, Vista, until January 2007. (AP)



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**EL SID:** The St. Louis Cardinals gave pitcher Sidney Ponson — released late last season by the Baltimore Orioles — their fifth starting spot on Wednesday when they optioned prospect Anthony Reyes to Triple-A Memphis.

# Sports



Lopez will start against Tampa Bay.

## O's Lopez Gets Opening Day Nod

**ORIOLES** | When Baltimore Orioles manager Sam Perlozzo named right-hander Rodrigo Lopez his opening day starter, the four pitchers Lopez beat out for the assignment literally applauded.

"When they started clapping, I started laughing," said Lopez, who will make his third opening day start in four years April 3 when the Orioles host Tampa Bay.

Perlozzo made the announcement during a closed door meeting with all five starting pitchers and pitching coach Leo Mazzone before batting practice Wednesday morning. "It feels good. I feel pretty honored," Lopez, 30, said. (AP)

# Soriano Finally Enters, Stage Left

Star ends soap opera by agreeing to play the outfield for Nationals

**NATIONALS** | Alfonso Soriano's only chance in left field Wednesday was a reminder of the good old days, before the Nationals finally persuaded him to change positions.

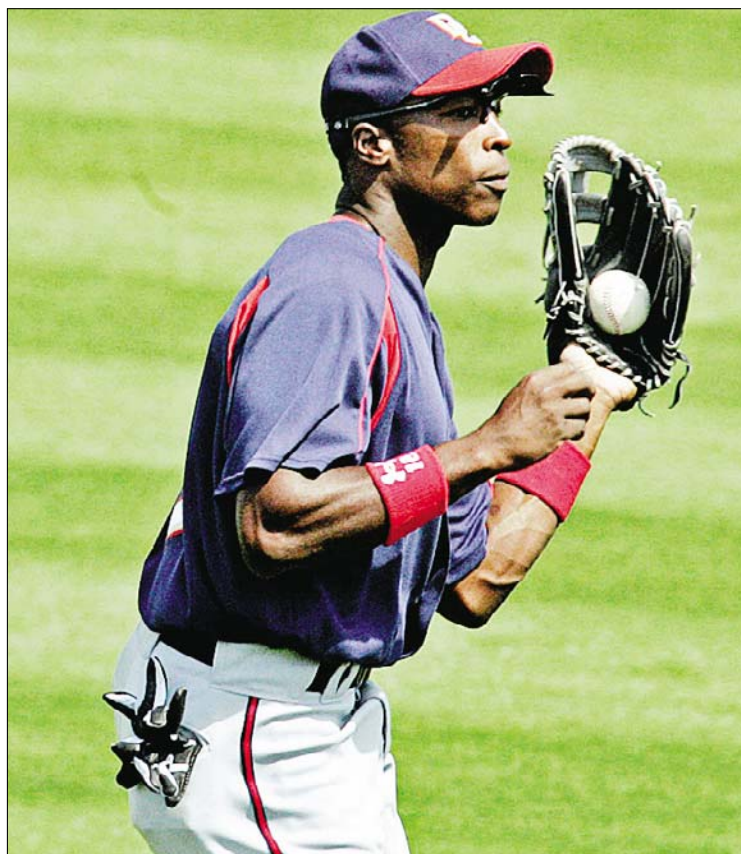
Soriano jogged in a few steps to catch a routine fly ball by Albert Pujols, then threw to second base to double off David Eckstein.

"I never think I'm going to make a double play in the outfield," Soriano said. "But I did it."

Soriano agreed to make the move from second base only two days after refusing to take his new spot in the outfield. The Nationals had a day off Tuesday, giving him time to accept the switch.

"It's a relief for everybody, it really is," manager Frank Robinson said.

Now, all Soriano needs is his own glove. He borrowed prospect George Lombard's outfield model Wednesday during a 9-3 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.



Alfonso Soriano, using prospect George Lombard's outfield glove, had just one opportunity in left field Wednesday. He made the catch and set up a double play.

The Nationals got Soriano in a December trade with Texas, and general manager Jim Bowden and Robinson have been trying to persuade Soriano to switch positions since because Washington already has three-time All-Star Jose Vidro.

Robinson considers the position move permanent, saying he doesn't even view Soriano as the backup at second base. "We're doing it for the season," Robinson said.

After the game, Soriano was not arguing. "I have no choice," he said. "I love the game. I hope I stay healthy and I hope they play me there every day because I love the game."

Soriano was 1-for-3, and he doubled and scored the Nationals' first run in the fourth.

And even though Soriano has now agreed to play the outfield, Bowden said Wednesday he would still explore a trade if it would benefit the Nationals. "My preference would be to keep him, you're a much better team with him," he said. "But I'll never close the door — ever — on an opportunity to make everybody happy." R.B. FALLSTROM (AP)

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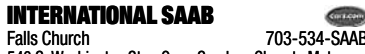
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## Sports

# Wizards Prep for 'Defining Moment'

Upcoming road trip could play key role in team's playoff position

**WIZARDS** | Gilbert Arenas remembers what it was like when he played for the Golden State Warriors, delighted by the prospect of a road-weary team from the East flying into town.

"You can tell if someone's just ready to go home, if they're on their last legs," the Washington Wizards' All-Star guard said.

His current club must try to deal with that sort of fatigue at a critical point of the season. Starting Thursday at the Utah Jazz, the Wizards are off on their longest trip of 2005-06, a six-game swing that could have a major effect on playoff positioning.

They won't play in Washington again until hosting the New York Knicks on April 4.

"We've looked at this road trip since the schedule came out in August," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "It's our defining moment. So let's get at it."

It opens a stretch in which 12 of Washington's final 16 games are away from home. That doesn't necessarily bode well for a club that's 24-13 in Washington and 10-19 on the road.

After Washington beat Chicago at home on Sunday for its fourth victory in five outings, forward Antawn Jamison talked about the importance of taking to the road on a positive note.

"You definitely want to have some kind of momentum when you make a trip like that this late



On Golden State, Gilbert Arenas loved playing teams like the Wizards out west.

in the season, and with the standings this close," Jamison said, calling this "the most important stretch of the season."

Then the Wizards promptly went out in their next game, Tuesday against visiting New Jersey, and gave up a season-high 41 points in the fourth quarter of a 112-100 loss.

Nevertheless, Washington's coach is still confident about the stretch.

"I think we're going to have some success out there. I really do," Jordan said. "We're not going out there playing a 50-win Seattle team, like last year. We're not playing a Sacramento team that's won 92 percent of its home games. Houston's missing [injured star Tracy] McGrady."

HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

## TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON CBS)** Duke plays LSU and Memphis takes on Bradley in the early Sweet 16 games, while Texas vs. West Virginia and UCLA vs. Gonzaga make up the late games.

**NBA (9 P.M. ON NEWSCHANNEL 8)** The Washington Wizards begin a six-game road trip against the Utah Jazz.

**FIGURE SKATING (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN)** If the Turin Olympics weren't enough for you, the men's short/free, pairs short and original dance at the World Championships.

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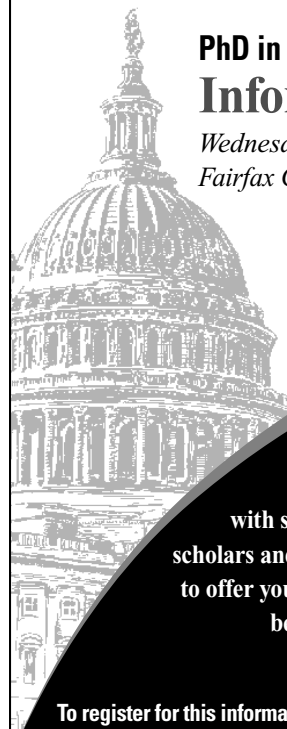
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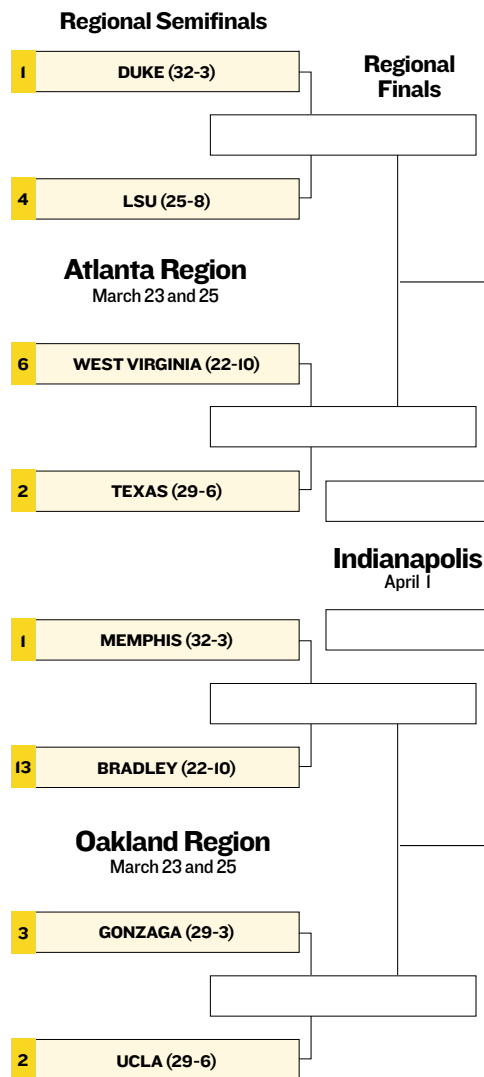


"Nobody who was shooting dice wanted to get a dance."

— **Daunte Culpepper**, testifying in court Wednesday that he rejected offers from lingerie-clad lap dancers during the Minnesota Vikings' infamous boat party last year.

## Sports

## 2006 NCAA BRACKET



Allan Ray will lead Villanova against BC.



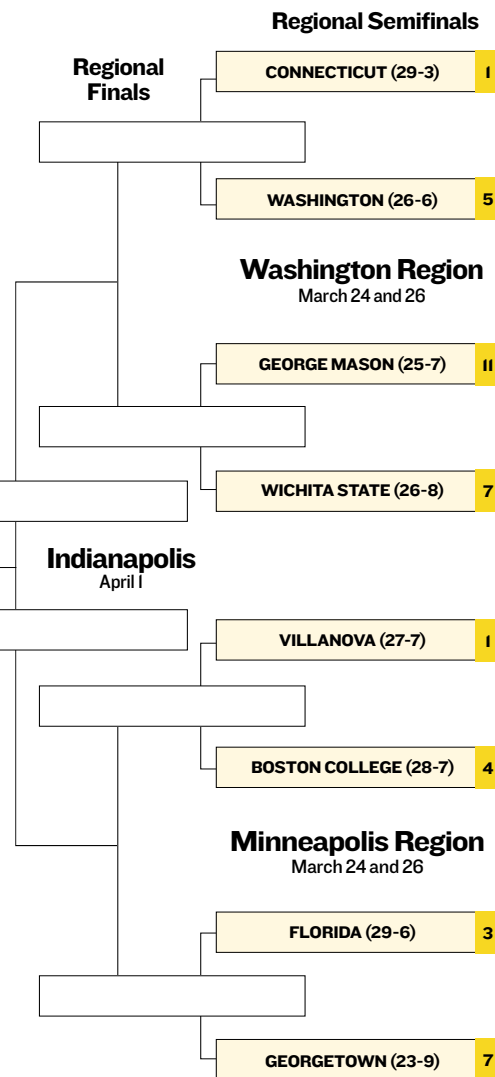
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Gonzaga's Adam Morrison led the nation in scoring.

## THE SWEET 16



The Longhorns face West Virginia in the Atlanta Region on Thursday night.

## Texas Seniors Eye Return Trip To the Final Four

**COLLEGE HOOPS** | When the Texas Longhorns walked off the court after losing in the Final Four three years ago, it seemed natural to expect a quick return. After all, four starters returned from arguably the best team in school history.

Only it didn't happen that way. But now the last two players from the Final Four team — Kenton Paulino and Brad Buckman — are telling their teammates to embrace their run deep into this year's NCAA tournament. The second-seeded Longhorns (29-6) face No. 6 West Virginia (22-10) on Thursday night in Atlanta.

"I want to keep it going as long as I can," Buckman said. "I'm a senior and I don't want to say goodbye to these guys." (AP)

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## Sports

# Cincinnati Eyeing Hobbs as Coach

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**GW HOOPS** | George Washington Athletics Director Jack Kvancz said Wednesday that he has given permission to University of Cincinnati officials to contact Coach Karl Hobbs about the Bearcats' vacant coaching position.

Hobbs, who guided the Colonials to 49 victories and two NCAA appearances the past two seasons, is believed to be a front-runner to replace Bearcats interim coach Andy Kennedy. It wasn't immediately known whether Hobbs has already been contacted by Cincinnati Athletics Director

Mike Thomas or if he has interviewed for the job.

ESPN.com reported Murray State's Mick Cronin also was a candidate for the Cincinnati job.

Hobbs has strong ties to the Big East Conference — he was an assistant under Connecticut Coach Jim Calhoun for eight seasons — and has a reputation as a top recruiter. While at Connecticut, he recruited Richard Hamilton, Khalid El-Amin and Kevin Freeman, who helped lead the Huskies to the 1999 national championship.

The Colonials are coming off their best season ever, after finishing 27-3 overall and winning the Atlantic-10 Conference regular season championship.

MARK SCHLABACH (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Germany's Philipp Lahm, left, fights for the ball against Josh Wolf on Wednesday.

## Germany Routs U.S.

**SOCCER** | When German players left the field at halftime, their game against the United States scoreless, fans booed and whistled.

Then Germany scored 20 seconds into the second half and romped to a 4-1 victory that relieved some of the pressure on the World Cup hosts, and did little to inspire confidence in the U.S. team.

"What this game proves is who can play at this level and who can't,"

U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller said.

The Americans were missing about half their projected World Cup starting lineup because of injuries and club commitments, and they dropped to 0-9 in Europe against the major soccer powers of Germany, England, Italy, France and Spain.

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## Television

# Getting Over It

## 'Gideon's Daughter' explores sorrow in a time of mourning

**THE AFTERMATH** | Grief, both personal and public, is at the heart of BBC America's romantic drama "Gideon's Daughter."

The time and place for this original TV movie is 1997 London, when a Labor government had just taken over after 18 years of Conservative rule, and when much-adored Princess Diana was killed in a car crash.

"It was a moment of great change, or seemingly it was going to be, and also Diana's death turned it into this extraordinary un-English explosion of ostentatious grief, which people didn't think the Brits did," said "Gideon's" writer and director, Stephen Poliakoff. "That was a shock to everyone, including me."

Against this backdrop, Poliakoff has set an intimate romance with underlying themes about "parents' fears for their children" and "the cult of celebrity."

The story explores the emotional crises of Gideon (Bill Nighy), a public relations guru who advises stars and politicians, and Stella (Miranda Richardson), who works the night shift at a convenience store and is not "remotely interested in celebrity."

Gideon is anguished over his estrangement from his college-



**PUBLIC DISPLAY:** Miranda Richardson was attracted to Stephen Poliakoff's script set in the Princess Di era: "He celebrates humanity in all its weirdnesses."

age daughter. Stella is heartbroken from the death of her young son. Together this unlikely pair finds some comfort.

"Gideon's Daughter," premiering tonight at 10 p.m., was filmed in London and Scotland. However permission was denied for shooting in Kensington Gardens, the royal park where the banks and banks of flowers in tribute to Diana had been stacked.

A park owned by a local London council was the substitute, with real flowers used in the re-creation; nothing computer generated.

"Big notices were put up by the location manager saying, 'This is only for a drama,'" director Poliakoff explained. "There were arrows pointing to me if they wanted to ask any questions, but nobody got upset."

BRIDGET BYRNE (AP)

# Burns' O'Neill Tribute

**DOCUMENTARY** | On the 50th anniversary of the Broadway debut of "Long Day's Journey Into Night," filmmaker Ric Burns explores the life and art of Eugene O'Neill, who Tennessee Williams said "gave birth to the American theater, and died for it."

"Eugene O'Neill: A Documentary Film," airing Monday as part of

PBS' "American Experience," calls on Al Pacino, Zoe Caldwell, Christopher Plummer and others to perform scenes from O'Neill masterpieces, including "Journey" and



O'Neill

"The Iceman Cometh."

O'Neill "suffered terribly as a result of his complete fealty to a vision of the truth — to a notion that there is a depth, that there's a profundity, that [there are] great complexes and abysses of meaning underneath the surface of life," playwright Tony Kushner says in the film. FRAZIER MOORE (AP)







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## Education

### In Florida, choosing a field of study could start in high school

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. | Lila and Andrew Zoghbi are bored five days a week in classes at Chiles High School.

It's not that they are slackers. In fact, they are honor students with high ambitions. Lila, 15, plans to be an engineer, and her brother, 17, wants to design video games. The problem, they say, is that school is not giving them the career preparation they want.

"It's just stuff I don't think I'm really going to need for the job I want," Lila said. "I'd probably like it if I had more things to help me in the future."

Students like the Zoghbis would get an education more tailored to their career plans under a proposal from Gov. Jeb Bush that education experts say would make Florida the first state to require incoming high school freshmen to declare a major, just like college students.

Bush said the plan would help prepare students better for the real world and reduce the dropout rate

by making school more interesting. Last year, nearly 3 percent of Florida's 800,000 high school students dropped out.

Some educators support the plan, while others fear it will deprive students of a broad liberal arts education and put even more pressure on young people.

"People want to know why college admissions is so frenzied and why kids can't be kids anymore. It's things like this that are at the root of it," said Bari Meltzer Norman, a member of the National Association

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**TIME TO CHOOSE:** Andrew Zoghbi, left, and his sister Lila Zoghbi are among the Florida students who want more career prep.

# Major Angst

for College Admission Counseling and associate director of college counseling at Ben Lipson Hillel Community High School in North Miami Beach.

Under Florida's plan, high school students would be able to major in such subjects as humanities, English, communications, math, science, history, social studies, arts, foreign languages and voca-

tional skills. They would also have to declare a minor.

For example, to prepare for her career, Lila would have to earn four credits in major courses like engineering, space technology and physics, 15 core credits in courses like math, science and English and 5 minor credits in elective courses like drama, zoology and Spanish.

She and her brother approve of

the governor's plan.

"It's still a required class — it's not like it's going to be super-fun — but at least you're getting stuff out of the way quicker, and getting prepared," Andrew said.

The plan goes before the state House for a final vote on Thursday and then would have to be approved in the Senate.

Mary Exum, a Pensacola area

science teacher, warned that most high school freshmen may not be mature enough to decide which track they will follow for four years. Most college students change their majors several times, she said.

Under the plan, students could change their majors and still graduate as long as they earned 24 high school credits.

Exum also said the state should look to teachers, and not a new required program, to relieve classroom boredom.

"Schools should provide more vocational and educational opportunities that are missing for students," she said. "But to mandate it for everybody in high school, I don't think that's a good idea."

ANDREA FANTA (AP)

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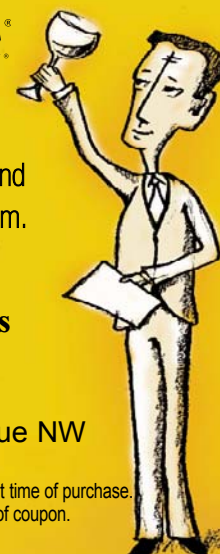
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# National Treasure

## Parks

### Man-made wonder celebrates 100 years of historical findings

Most national parks protect natural wonders — mountains, forests, canyons.

But Mesa Verde was the very first national park created to preserve man-made wonders — ancient cliff dwellings, made from sandstone, perched on ledges at elevations of 7,000 feet.

This intricate architecture, dating to the 12th century, is as awesome to behold today as it was when cowboys and ranchers first saw it. Two men looking for lost cattle, Richard Wetherill and Charles Mason, came upon the most spectacular site, the 150-room Cliff

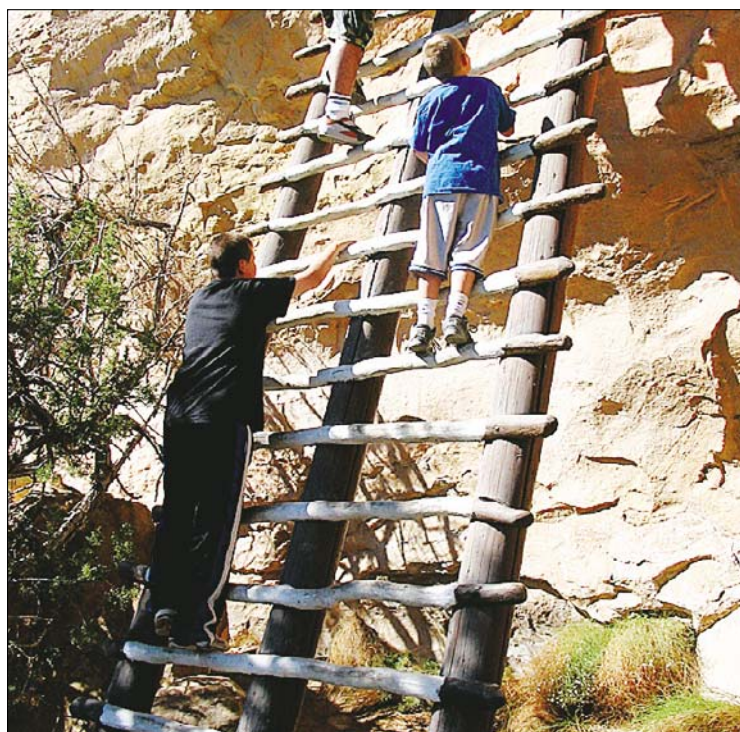
Palace, in 1888.

Mesa Verde National Park was established 18 years later, in 1906. The park's centennial is being observed this year with festivals, lectures and access to sites that have been closed to the public for decades.

The cliff dwellings were built by a group of people whom archaeologists refer to as Ancestral Puebloans. They lived in the area from about 400 A.D. to 1300 A.D. Their descendants include 21 contemporary tribes.

"They were incredible masons," said Ranger Kimberly Accardy on a tour of Cliff Palace, the largest of the park's 600 dwellings. "They did not have metal. All their tools were made out of wood, stone or bone." Bricks for the buildings were made from sandstone mixed with mud mortar.

Accardy said Cliff Palace was probably "a community center for



**SHIMMY SHIMMY UP THE ROCK:** Sure-footed visitors climb steep ladders on a tour of Balcony House, an ancient cliff dwelling in Mesa Verde National Park, Colo.

trade, commerce or special ceremonies. Only 125 people lived here, but many more people came here. It's a bit like the idea of people living on the outskirts of a major metropolitan area and coming into the central area to take care of their needs."

Cliff Palace's 150 rooms include walls up to four stories high, nine storage rooms on an upper ledge, and 21 "kivas," deep round pits used for ceremonies and other community activities. Kivas are still used by modern-day Hopis and other tribes.

Most first-time visitors to Mesa Verde tour Cliff Palace. But adventurous types will also want to see Balcony House, which can only be accessed by climbing steep ladders and shimmying through an 18-inch-wide stone tunnel. Balcony House is much smaller than Cliff Palace, but its highlights include interesting archaeological evidence.

Ranger Lee Littler points out red plaster on the walls, along with paintings of triangular designs that resemble mountain ridges.

"Everybody wants to add personal touches and beauty to their homes," Accardy said. *BETH J. HARPAZ (AP)*

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# White

## Hot

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Sweet or sassy, white is the non-color for spring



White looks from Coach include gold hardware to add interest

**AFTER YEARS** of throwing every bright color they could concoct at shoppers — often punctuated by metallics and beads — fashion designers are declaring spring a more peaceful and tranquil season.

Many of the button-down shirts, crocheted sweaters, eyelet dresses

and high-waisted pants in stores this season are offered in Grand Cayman sand, cappuccino foam or moonlight — all fancy names for white.

"I think the interesting thing is we've had quite a few years of bling, bling, bling, bling, bling," says designer Michael Kors. "To me, it's like too rich of a meal. At some point, you need to cleanse your palate."

The emphasis of the clothes shifts from an attention-grabbing hue to the cut, subtle details and luxuriousness of fabrics, he says. That's not to say it's a boring fashion season, he adds, but there's a restraint that was needed. "It's romantic minimalism, which, yes, is an oxymoron. ... It's like putting Splenda in the ice tea. It's sweet but not too sugary."

Wearing white, especially in a city, always makes people look as if they're above the fray, Kors says. "In Paris, you'll see a woman on the crummiest, rainy day in a white coat. It immediately gives her a movie star spin."

Kors' spring collection features layers of white in soft silhouettes, accented mostly by simple beiges and blacks. But while it's hard to mix blacks with different color casts, it works for white. The dif-

ferences only highlight the richness of the lace, embroidery or eyelet that also might be part of the outfit.

"Wear a vanilla shade, ecru and optic white, and mix it all together. If you're confused about the different whites, go to the local paint store, they'll sort it out," says Kors, who wears

fur cape. In the summer, wear that same dress with flip-flops.

White actually can be tricky for shoes, says Coach president and executive director Reed Krakoff, so, if in doubt, go with a casual style or more of a parchment color. He points to the Dior slingback from the current collection that has a creamy color and gold hardware. "It has a natural color, a stacked heel and gold hardware, which breaks it up. It's not a bridesmaid's or nurse's shoe."

For bags, though, almost anything goes. "White is as easy as black, now that people are wearing it year-round," says Krakoff.

Even once this white "trend" is over, Krakoff expects white to stick around as a basic color — like black and navy — that will be integrated into future collections.

"We'll always have it. It's a new basic," he says.

For now, though, white "is the story for spring," says Gregg Andrews, a fashion director for Nordstrom, with white-on-white as the chicest outfit and the white handbag as the "iconic item" of the season. SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)



white, er, ecru, jeans 12 months a year.

White is for all seasons, Kors says, though the eggshell and sand-colored shades are easier to pull off than optic white when there's still a chill in the air. For early spring, he suggests a creamy white lace dress with metallic shoes and maybe a

## Beauty



## Split Personalities

Enough with all the neutral eyeshadow, OK? Just quit. But you might want to check out the new **HIP SHADOW DUOS** (\$7 at drugstores) by L'Oréal Paris. HIP stands for High Intensity Pigments, meaning color goes on deeper and stays on longer. The duos (available in ten combos, ranging from subtle to insane), brush on smoothly and stay strong for hours. One discovery: Use the deeper color with an eyeliner brush to define eyes, then use the lighter one on the lids.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

## Shopping



## Like That Shirt?

You've been looking for that cute little number Paris wore on last night's "American Idol," haven't you? The launch of **STARSTYLE.COM** can help. The new site allows the TV-addled to buy clothes, furniture, gadgets and music featured on favorite TV shows, music videos and movies (although, so far, only the television section of the site is up). You can search by show, mess around in the blog, or participate in an auction selling off pieces of the latest "Real World" house. While pickings are slim so far, this could be the site for those wanting to emulate their favorite TV stars right down to their panties. K.P.K.



Pearly white added teeth to Michael Kors' spring 2006 collection.



## Health

## On ADHD

**THOMAS E. BROWN, PH.D.**, from the Yale University School of Medicine, fielded questions about attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

I'm a very emotionally intense and empathetic person. I've been told that these traits are related to my diagnosed (and treated) ADD. But I'm curious. After a number of failed relationships in which I think I may have almost "listened and understood too much" — to the point of making my partners feel the need for space — if I should aim for other ADD people who understand my emotional intensity.

Some people with ADHD get along very well with other people most of the time, but some have difficulties such as yours where they get too intense. If you're getting indications from friends or a partner that you're being too intense, ask them to give you some examples of how it happens. If the examples sound like problems you have trouble controlling, you might want to check with your doctor to see if the difficulties might be helped by adjusting your medication treatment for ADD and/or whether you need to get some help from a therapist in developing better strategies.

I often wonder if ADHD may be a precursor to Alzheimer's or if the two conditions are in any way correlated.

Often adults with ADHD, diagnosed or not, worry that their frequent problems with short-term memory may be a sign of early Alzheimer's. I don't know of any research indicating that persons with ADHD have any greater likeli-

hood of developing Alzheimer's than those without ADHD.

Short-term memory problems affect all of us from time to time as we get older, but adults with ADHD tend to have far more difficulty with remembering names, what they were about to say, where they have put things, what they were about to do, etc., than do those of similar age without ADD. Such problems with working memory are a central aspect of ADD and often improve with appropriate medication.

**Can you recommend books that might help me better understand my partner's ADHD or see things from her perspective?**

Hallowell has published "Driven to Distraction and Delivered From Distraction." Selden has published "Women With Attention Deficit Disorder" and I've published "Attention Deficit Disorder: The Unfocused Mind in Children and Adults." However, reading is no substitute for conversation with your partner. You and your partner can both benefit from conversations in which you share information about both strengths and weaknesses that each of you sees in yourself and in the others.

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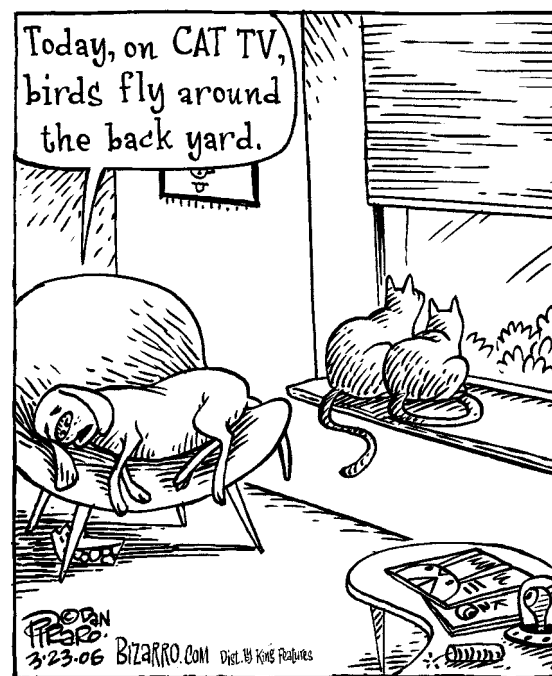
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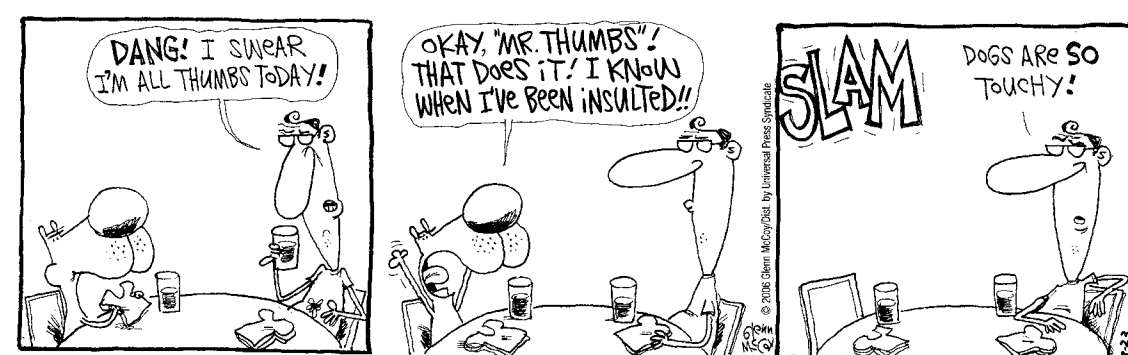
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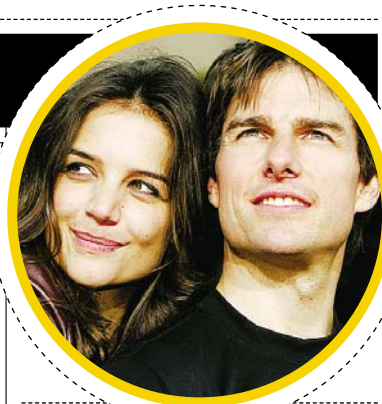
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## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Touchy subjects cannot be avoided. Be sure you tuck your feelings away and are willing to confront others with openness and honesty.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You may be unusually stubborn—even for you. Now is not the time to work closely with others in uncompromising situations.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You'll find yourself warming up to an unusual idea and seriously considering your part in an unforeseen alliance.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A long-term wait of some kind is coming to an end, and prepare for a reunion or homecoming. It's time, once again, to share with others.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Choices, choices, choices. You'll have more than your share—and be expected to remain true to your decisions from the outset.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Fear of the

unknown may keep you from enjoying the familiar. This is a good time to address those haunting concerns.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** This is a good day to encourage friends and family members to band together in support of a common cause. You know what to fight for.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** This is a good day to lie low and keep a close eye on those who insist on being at the center of activity. You'll learn important dos and don'ts.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You'll remember a little more about yourself after you indulge in a flight of fancy. You are the person you thought you were.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You'll want to resume activities that were unwillingly suspended in the recent past. You're back on track.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Issues of health will arise, but not because you are displaying symptoms. Your attitude and outlook are not as strong as usual.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You'll enjoy an increased sense of confidence and the self-assurance that comes from knowing you've done all you can.

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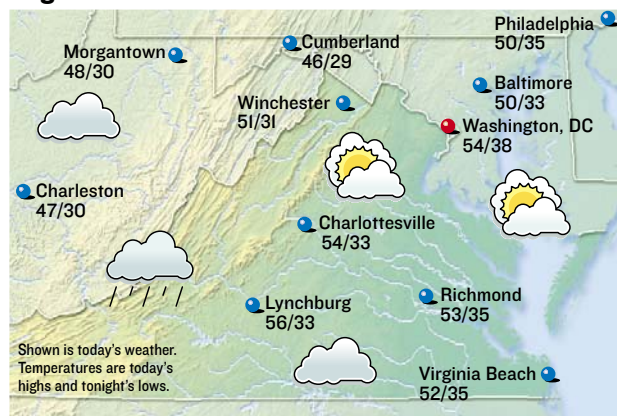
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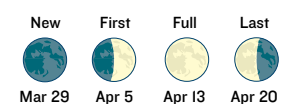
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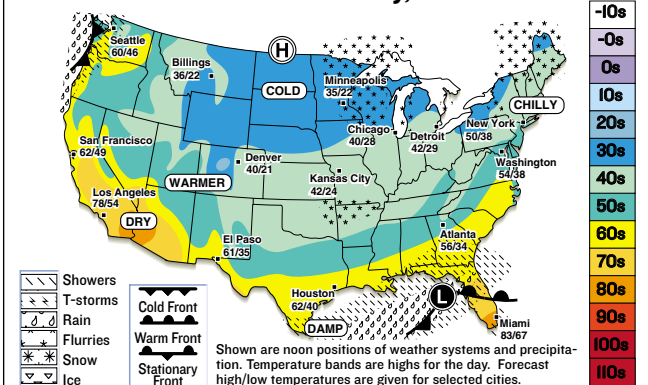
**D.C. Metro:** Today, partly sunny, breezy, cool. High 54. Wind northwest 8-16 mph. Tonight, increasingly cloudy, chilly. Low 38. Wind north 4-8 mph.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:07 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:23 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:31 a.m.
Moonset today	11:27 a.m.



## National Weather for Thursday, March 23



## National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	56/34/w	50/34/pc
Boston	50/34/c	44/34/pc
Chicago	40/28/sf	42/29/sf
Dallas	52/35/c	60/40/s
Denver	40/21/pc	50/25/s
Honolulu	79/69/sh	81/68/sh
Los Angeles	78/54/pc	76/54/s
Miami	83/67/t	75/54/pc
New York City	50/38/s	48/38/pc
Orlando	72/54/t	70/46/pc
Seattle	60/46/pc	54/42/r

## World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	45/32/pc	46/41/r
Athens	68/52/c	64/46/pc
Berlin	40/25/pc	45/32/pc
Buenos Aires	82/65/pc	70/52/pc
Calgary	46/31/pc	42/28/pc
Dublin	46/43/c	48/43/r
Geneva	52/38/c	51/44/r
Moscow	24/9/sn	26/13/pc
Rome	62/45/c	61/48/c
Sydney	77/64/c	73/64/c
Tokyo	61/43/sh	59/39/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



# LOOK out People



LAUREN VICTORIA BURKE/AP

Shake your body, with my money.

## PHILANTHROPY

### But Her Songwriting Ability Was Never The Same Again

**GLORIA ESTEFAN**, who was temporarily paralyzed in a tour-bus accident 16 years ago, is donating \$1 million for the creation of a human clinical trials program at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. Estefan broke her back, but recovered. (AP)

## SILVER SCREEN

### Next Up: Marilyn Monroe National Park and RV Area

The Smithfield, N.C., Post Office is now the **AVA GARDNER** Post Office. President Bush signed legisla-



tion Monday to rename the post office in honor of the actress, who grew up nearby. "Ava Gardner was a small-town girl who became a big-time celebrity," said Rep. Bob Etheridge. (AP)



ROBERTO PELLER/AP

## DISROBING

### Avert Your Eyes!

**SHARON STONE**, who stars in "Basic Instinct 2," says she has no problem doing a nude scene — if it's right for the role. "It's pretty easy for me to be naked," the 48-year-old said Wednesday. "I'm a person who feels that if it's appropriate for the character I'm playing or the mood of the piece, then it's no big thing." (AP)

## ILLNESS

### Maybe He Caught Peter Pan Syndrome

Aerosmith singer **STEVEN TYLER** will undergo surgery this week for an undisclosed medical condition, forcing the band to cancel the remaining dates of its North American tour. The band's publicist said Tuesday



People who find him attractive scare us.

that Tyler was "doing fine" but declined to elaborate on his condition.

Despite Aerosmith's desire to keep the tour going as long as possible, Tyler's doctors advised him not to continue performing. (AP)



ERIN FREDRICH/AP

Could it have been another bearded man wearing shades and a hat?

## COUNTRY MUSIC

### Are You Ready For Some Sexual Harassment Suits?

A 19-year-old waitress has alleged that country superstar **HANK WILLIAMS JR.** swore at her, tried to kiss her and lifted her in a chokehold Saturday, according to a police report. Williams has been staying at the Peabody Hotel while his daughters are being treated in a Memphis hospital for injuries they suffered in a car crash. "I am shocked at such allegations," his publicist said. (AP)

## THEATER

### Gawk At That Red Hair Live

**JULIANNE MOORE** will return to the New York stage in the world premiere of "The Vertical Hour" by British playwright David Hare. Moore will portray a former American war correspondent turned college professor who meets an older man while on



vacation in Wales. The play will open Nov. 30 at a Broadway theater to be announced. It will be directed by Sam Mendes, whose stage work includes "Cabaret" and "The Blue Room." (AP)

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## Playing Tennis | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

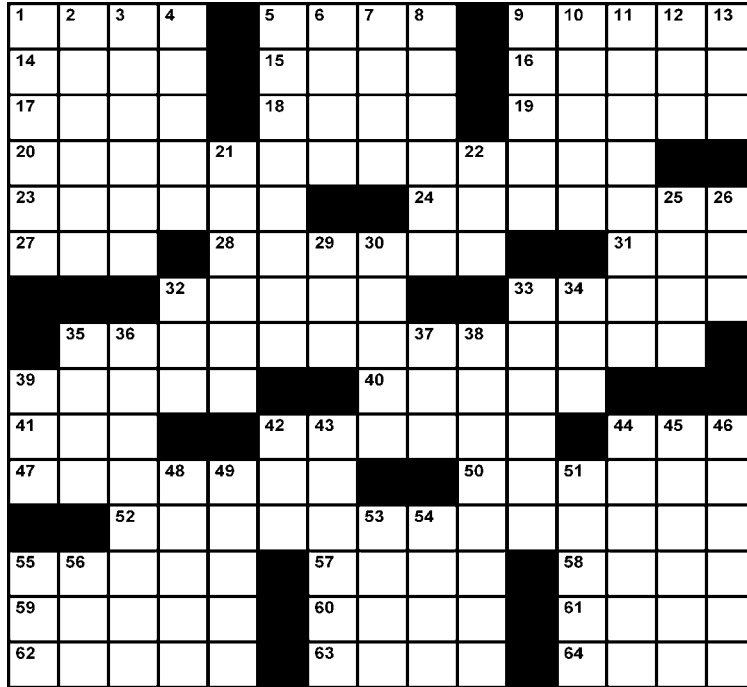
### ACROSS

- 1 Driver's decision point  
5 What some film scripts are written on  
9 Hawkins of Dogpatch  
14 Chemical element  
15 Folklore component  
16 Even a bit  
17 Building projection  
18 \_\_\_ impasse  
19 Devotional ceremonies  
20 Hopscotch, for one  
23 Engaged in a diatribe  
24 The Moor of Venice  
27 Pulver's rank (Abbr.)  
28 It's yet to come  
31 Small charge carrier  
32 Rope maker's fiber  
33 Strategy board game  
35 Director's order  
39 Stereotypical fussbudgets  
40 Great thing to be on  
41 Part of science class  
42 One may follow a lead  
44 J.F.K. abbr.  
47 Show the ropes  
50 You need a cracker to eat it  
52 Bad luck, to some

- 55 Kind of furniture  
57 Word with act or gear  
58 Common transport  
59 Bouquet  
60 It's right on a Spanish map  
61 Land of the leprechauns  
62 Where Alice worked  
63 Animal that may be "XING"  
64 Camera attachment

### DOWN

- 1 French carriage  
2 Foundling  
3 Some pine extracts  
4 Got on one's knees  
5 Carmichael classic  
6 Canape topper, perhaps  
7 Panache  
8 Blacklist  
9 Wife of Abraham  
10 "Once upon \_\_\_"  
11 Pacific divider  
12 Mob follower?  
13 South African golfer  
21 Flies in the face of  
22 Former communications corp.  
25 Trent or Ronnie  
26 Ending of most odds



- 29 Eastern way  
30 Half of the forearm bones  
32 Command to a guest  
33 Word before "One Two Three" in a film title  
34 Subj. for immigrants, perhaps  
35 College courtyard  
36 Open, in a way  
37 Capote, on Broadway  
38 Bad thing to be in

- 39 Draft pick?  
42 Sault \_\_\_ Marie  
43 Stared salaciously  
44 Plenary  
45 Do a nighttime parental chore  
46 Plato's hometown  
48 Clock feature  
49 Like a loud waterfall  
51 Identify  
53 Seine tributary  
54 Short entry  
55 Knee guard  
56 Shipping nickname

### Yesterday's Solution

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## Today in History

**1775** Patrick Henry made his famous call for American independence from Britain, telling the Virginia Provincial Convention, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

**1792** Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major (the "Surprise" symphony) was performed publicly for the first time, in London.

**1933** The German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial legislative powers.

**1956** Pakistan became an independent republic within the British Commonwealth.

**1983** Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a permanent artificial heart, died after 112 days with the device.

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Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

### Yesterday's Solution

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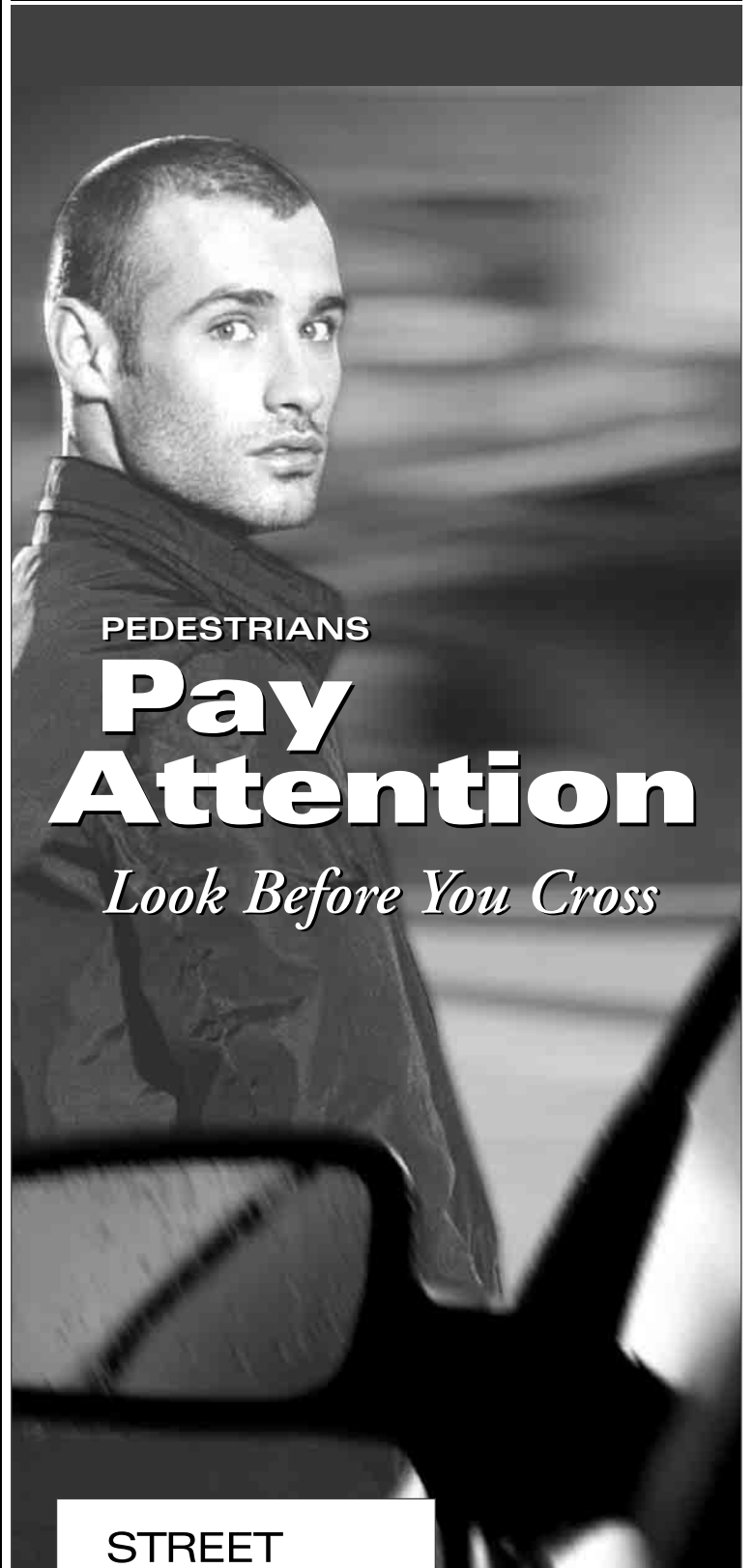
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# [on the]spot

✱ **NAME:** Scott Bakula  
**GIG:** Actor, TV star, performing in Ford's Theatre's "Shenandoah"

**SCOTT BAKULA HAS** temporarily left the world of science fiction for the Civil War. Taking the stage in Ford's Theatre's "Shenandoah," Bakula plays a widower, Charlie Anderson, who is reluctantly drawn into the battle between the states. "Shenandoah," a Tony-winning musical adaptation of a film starring James Stewart, allows Bakula to return to his first love: theater. The Tony-nominated screen, stage and television star discussed his career and new play.

#### What drew you to this role?

"Shenandoah" was the first show I ever did when I was a kid. It's kind of a full circle for me. It was my first job when I moved to New York. I've been wanting to do it. It's a wonderful role, not your typical role you

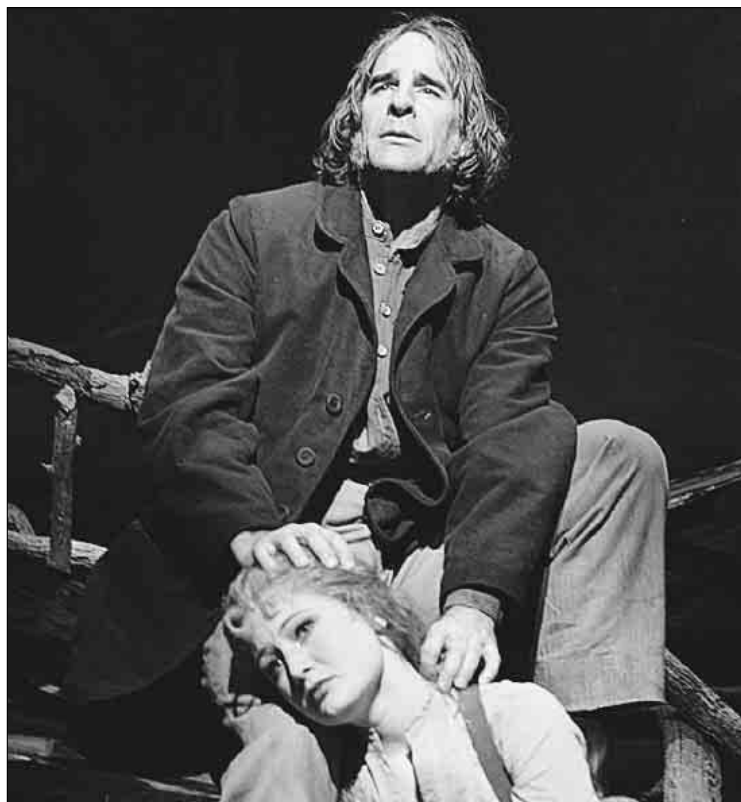
would find in a musical.

#### How would you describe Charlie's evolution in this play?

First of all, he's a widower. He's trying to take care of his family of six by himself. He has made a decision: He is going to control his world. He decides to stay out of the war, but is finding that he can't control everything. He is drawn into the war, and goes from being a proud, seemingly in-control patriarch to a humbler, gentler man at the end of the piece.

#### You're getting back to your roots as a stage actor. What do you like about theater?

I love two things: The rehearsal process, the discovery and exploration, and the time you usually have. This show is being recharged from page one. It's being brought up to present-day expectations. We're approaching this as a new piece. The best part of



T. CHARLES ERICKSON

**LIFE DURING WARTIME:** Bakula with Megan Lewis in the musical "Shenandoah."

the theater is the audience. I really believe that the theater is going to have a re-emergence in the next 10 to 15 years.

#### What exactly is it about "Star Trek"

#### captains and the stage?

I think that as the "Star Trek" world has grown and become its own living, breathing entity, there's a certain majesty about it. It's a very theatrical franchise, starting with the

original cast. They were chewing scenery left and right. So I think there's a certain need for understanding of language.

#### So, besides the whole Civil War patriarch versus time-leaping scientist, how would you compare Charlie Anderson and Dr. Sam Beckett from "Quantum Leap?"

Their hearts are in the right place. They care tremendously about their families, and they both grew up on a farm. Where they drift is that Sam found a way to extend himself out of his own experience, whereas Charlie at the beginning of the piece is more putting up walls.

#### What keeps this play so vital?

It's my perfect night in the theater — from great laughs and joy, right down to the depths of human tragedy. ERIN TROMPETER

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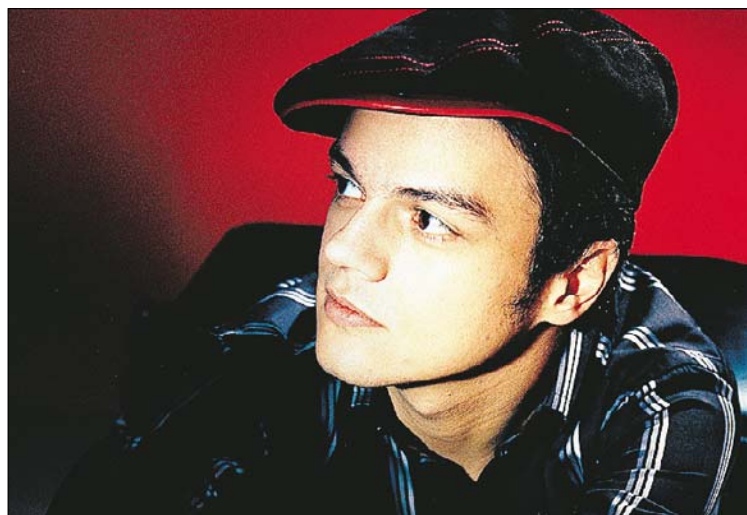
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**British singer-pianist Jamie Cullum swings modern standards**

**MUSIC** | In the past two decades, the young jazz lions have given way to a Rat Pack of sorts. Record companies are no longer excited by nattily dressed fresh faces playing neo-bebop; now, they want stars with a little hint of Sinatra, a splash of "American Idol" and a dose of MTV appeal.

Some point to Norah Jones' hugely successful and influential "Come Away With Me" as the source of this trend, but it's British pianist and singer Jamie Cullum who is taking the trend to its logical conclusion.

Since his second stateside disc, "Twentysomething," Cullum has



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**CROONER:** Cullum is the Millennial Generation's new Sinatra, with a sexy twist.

surpassed other male crooners of his generation like Peter Cincotti and Michael Buble. Unlike his contemporaries, Cullum isn't totally

blindsided by the swank aesthetic of yesteryear.

On "Twentysomething," he delivered a convincing acoustic rendition

of the Pharrell Williams' R&B hit "Frontin'." And on his newest disc, "Catching Tales," Cullum shades his music with subtle electronica flourishes.

Cullum is a serviceable pianist and vocalist, but his greatest talent lies in his oddly spunky and sardonic songwriting, which often touches on the angst of being an aimless young adult in the new millennium. He's also a spectacle onstage, sometimes engaging in punk-like antics such as banging on the piano in seeming frustration.

Sure, it's a bit contrived, but those moves make his Saturday appearance at the 9:30 Club all the more appropriate. **JOHN MURPH**

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**HONEST LABOR:** "Robert Oppenheimer didn't really invent baseball," Bragg says. "English people invented all the great sports: soccer, rugby, golf, tennis, swimming."

## Folk hero Billy Bragg says England is still at war with fascism

**MUSIC** | Billy Bragg is best known to Americans for the albums he did with Woody Guthrie and Wilco, but in his native U.K. he's been a star for decades, a left-of-center folkie whom even fence-sitters enjoy.

Bragg is often defined by his politics — and he does have a way with provocative anthems — but what also distinguishes him is his poetic ability to turn a phrase and pen striking, universal love songs.

The singer-songwriter spoke to Express during his North American trek to promote his new boxed set, which, of course, includes footage of him playing to adoring crowds behind the Iron Curtain.

### Do you have a book coming out?

If I can get it finished. It was really spurred on by the British National Party [which he deems "racist, fascist"] winning a seat in my hometown [Barking]. It was a shock. It made me think, "Is that who I am?" My mom still lives there.

I began exploring how I was politicized by punk, how my sense of Englishness is a radical sense. So the book is autobiographical,

# Socialism of the Heart

it's very polemical, and it makes a case: The reason we have free health care in Britain is because people struggled for it.

### Are you going on tour in the U.K.?

The tour that I'm about to start in Britain, the "Hope Not Hate" tour, is sponsored by the unions and it's going to towns where the BNP could win seats in May.

Those are connections that I made during the miners' strike 20 years ago. They're still as important to me as they were then. The Labor party's a lot different, but the unions, they're doing what they were back then: supporting their members, their members' families and the communities in which they live.

### Are you a celebrity in England?

I can be. I went on "The Weakest Link." All the things I've done, nothing got so many comments at the school gate when I was dropping my son off. I change the world by singing about it, no one says a word; go on "Weakest Link," everyone knows who you are.

### You got your 15 minutes.

I got my 15 minutes of fame. How sad is that? But it's not very often you get a chance to do something in this job that impresses your mom. My mom is not impressed by me playing on a picket line or getting presented with a miner's lamp or having a hit single, but "Weakest Link" ... You have to cater to that audience.

### What does your album title "England, Half English" mean?

It's the title of a book, actually, by Colin MacInnes. He went to see one of the early British pop singers, Tommy Steele, and when he saw Steele's audience, he saw these young English people dressing and talking like black Americans.

### You mean kids of this generation aren't as English as their parents?

That's true in my life. My parents were born before the war. They grew up listening to English music, eating English food and wearing English clothes. I am not as English as they were. My son will not be as English as I am.

### Would you still make music if there wasn't anything to fight against?

I think I would. I have a reputation as a political songwriter, but I'm just a songwriter. I just occasionally look out the bedroom window and wonder what's happening in the real world. So I think I would, but I don't think I would be so determined to keep doing it. It's a pretty daft job for a grown man. **TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)**

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This intricate pillow face was painstakingly embroidered in the Ionian islands.

### Crochet-y Mood: Debbie Stoller Event

Bring your hooks and listen up, crochet-fiends of D.C. — Miz Debbie Stoller is hitting town with a new book and a new way to turn one long thread into a darling sweater/hat/scarf/handbag/lenswiper. Her "Stich'n Bitch Crochet: The Happy Hooker" takes an attitudinous approach to the art of the crab stitch, and now even knitters are getting into the act. She'll be stitching up a storm and dispensing tips this weekend.

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# Tunes to Swoon By

## Local stars team up as Georgie James, a dreamy pop project

**MUSIC** | Who is Georgie James? Is this entity real or imaginary, boy or girl, hot or not? Answer: exactly.

John Davis and Laura Burhenn, the songwriters behind Georgie James, know their collaboration comes as a surprise to many. And the biggest surprise is the sheer hook-power of their project, named to evoke some imaginary glam starman from the sky. Burhenn is known as a chanteuse of moody narratives, where Davis recently graduated from post-

punk powerhouse Q and Not U. But surprise: Georgie James is '70s-inflected pop stolen from the heyday of FM radio. Now transplanted to iPods, MySpace and the Black Cat Thursday night.

"I know I'm a huge fan of people like Todd Rundgren, Chris Bell, Badfinger, Burt Bacharach and Jobim," said Davis. Who, it must be said, turns out to be not merely a fine drummer but also a multi-instrumentalist and an accomplished craftsman of memorable melodic phrases. "Need Your Needs," from the Georgie James recording "Demos at Dance Place," involves handclaps, maracas and hook piled upon hook.



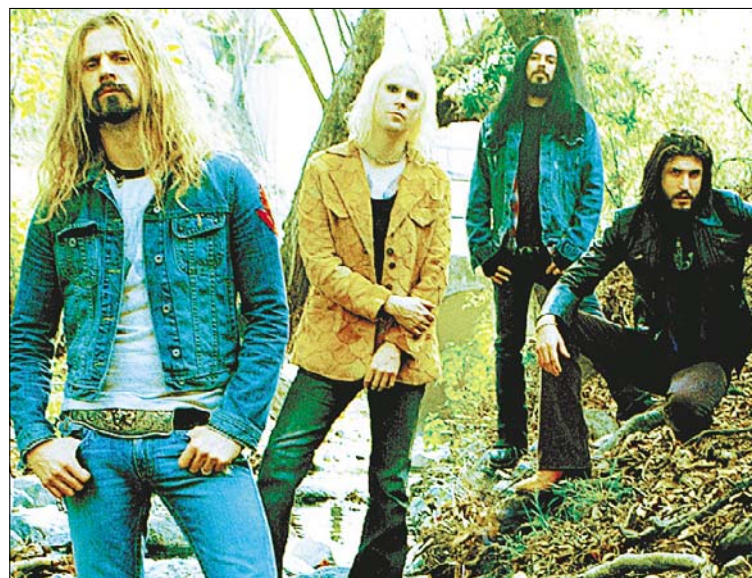
**GORGEOUS GEORGIE:** John Davis and Laura Burhenn stretch out as a musical duo.

And Burhenn's dark balladry turns out to have a sunny side. "Cheap Champagne," stacks sweet harmonies over a bouncy beat. "Long Week" could be a Lennon/McCartney-penned tune found in a vault somewhere.

"Georgie James takes it in a more classic pop direction," Davis said, "whereas Q and Not U would tend to just sneak in pop moments here and there. Georgie James is a much more open exploration of melody."

And the melodies never stop, nor are they encumbered by the obligatory bursts of noise or irony some ex-punks feel obliged to deploy to maintain cred. Georgie James is all payoff. Which makes a sweet response to the tension built by Davis and Burhenn's other projects. **BOB MASSEY**

→ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Thu., 9 p.m. \$7; 202-667-7960.*



**WALK WITH A ZOMBIE:** Rob and his tourmates play dark music for night people.

# He's Your Bogeyman

## Metal and movie mogul Rob Zombie gets back to basics

**MUSIC** | Ghouls, creeps and beasts unite — Rob Zombie will be headlining a sold-out show at the 9:30 Club Sunday night as part of the tour for his upcoming studio album, "Educated Horses."

It's been almost five years since the former White Zombie vocalist released an album, but he hasn't lost his touch. "It's funny to think it's

been that long since 'The Sinister Urge' [Zombie's last album] came out; it doesn't seem like it," said Zombie, who released two films during his recording hiatus. "The album actually benefits because it sounds really fresh."

The first thing one might notice about "Educated Horses" is, well, its title. "It actually comes from the title of a circus act I saw in Germany when I was a kid," Zombie explained. "It was really weird and it's been stuck in my head ever since, so I decided to use it."

Zombie is known for his theatrical shows, which often feature dancers, pyrotechnics and monster-like puppets. He may tone it down this time around. "On this tour I'm using a big rock show again," said Zombie, "but not quite as extreme because I want to preserve the human aspect of the show — the connection to the crowd." **GREGORY RE**

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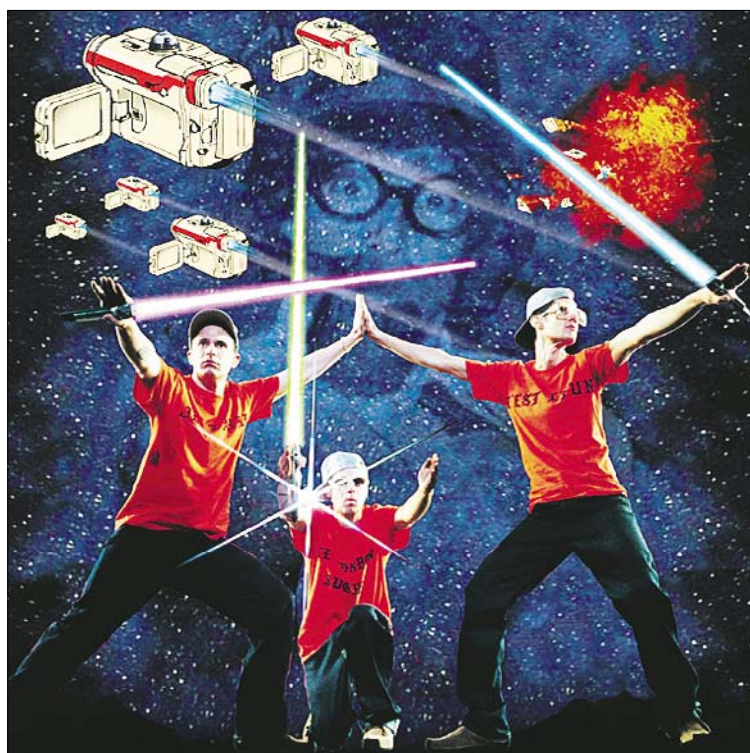


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**ALWAYS ON VACATION:** The Beastie Boys allowed their audience to make a film of a performance. The chaotic but exhilarating result is "Awesome; I ... Shot That!"

# You Are There, And Directing

**With 'Awesome,' a band puts the audience in charge**

**FILM** | What do you get if you give 50 cameras to fans at a Beastie Boys concert and ask them to point and shoot at will?

"Awesome; I ... Shot That!," an almost phantasmagorical tumble down the rabbit hole of a concert-going experience, all in kinetically convincing 2-D.

It was directed, which we're guessing means edited, by Nathaniel Hornblow'er, also known as Beastie MCA, and is enjoying a sneak preview screening on Thursday before it officially opens.

The veteran hip-hop pranksters handed out recording devices to a crowd at a 2004 Madison Square Garden show and let a movie happen. Fans filmed what was happening before, during and after the performance — which itself looks to be one of those epic shows with life-changing powers — as well as onstage, backstage and even, at one

point, in the bathroom.

"Awesome; I ... Shot That!" (the ellipses stand in for an expletive indicating excitement) screened at Sundance last year and reportedly energized a crowd used to small, tasteful pictures about the travails of the little people.

These nationwide 8 p.m. sneaks will also feature the 30-minute short "A Day in the Life of Nathaniel Hornblow'er," which stars comedian David Cross as the director of the film you're about to see. "A Day in the Life" is slated to "self-destruct," as ThinkFilm's Web site claims, after this one showing.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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# Ring in the New

**'Das Rheingold' comes to America but keeps its soul**

**STAGE** | The plot of "Das Rheingold" might sound familiar: An innocent receives an all-powerful ring, which is sought after by big nasties.

And no, Richard Wagner did not pinch the idea from J.R.R. Tolkien, geeks — when Wagner began writing the multi-part opera known as "The Ring Cycle" in 1854, the themes of his epic had been fair game in Teutonic folklore for centuries.

The Washington National Opera is mounting a new production of the four-opera cycle, beginning with "Das Rheingold" this weekend, which transports the story and characters to a young, haunted America.

The parallels between German lore and the homegrown kind were obvious to "Rheingold" director Francesca Zambello, who noted, "When you look at how similar this story is to 'Lord of the Rings' or



**ALL ABOARD:** Socialites, not Wotan and company, are the deities of this staging.

"The Chronicles of Narnia" — they all have a mythic quality that speaks to us."

Her "Rheingold," like the original, jumps around in time, hitting mythic marks along the way. "We looked back to the time of the prairie," she said, "what it was like before the land was settled. There are also a lot of gods in this piece, so we thought, who are the gods of this century? We looked to movie

stars and "The Great Gatsby" and the industrialists."

This aesthetic is carried through in the stunning costumes and set design, but it's the story — fabulous and "somehow domestic," as Zambello said — that's the true star. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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# Bad Reputation

The Gossip dishes the dirt on its artsy garage-rock sound

**MUSIC** | The Gossip's new CD, "Standing in the Way of Control," is a white-heat blast of garage-rock blues. But unlike so many bands who have mined the punk-soul axis before, the Gossip's ringer is singer Beth Ditto, who vocalizes with the passion and lungs of a classic R&B belter.

"I was a total choir nerd," said Ditto from a crackly cell phone somewhere in Colorado, confirming that her voice isn't the result of biology alone. "I was in church choir growing up. My mom was a choir nerd when she was a kid, and she literally taught me how to sing. I never took vocal lessons or anything like that — it probably wouldn't hurt me — but I learned from my mom.

"My mom quit school when she was 8th grade," continued the Arkansas native, the Southern twang still prominent in her speaking voice. "She's total rad style; a rock 'n' roll mom. She listened to a



COURTESY GIRLIE ACTION

**TALK, TALK:** The Gossip hails from Arkansas by way of a mythical Detroit garage.

lot, a lot, a lot of music. I was always around honky tonks, and my whole family played music. That's how my voice came along; it was just encouraged from birth."

Guitarist-bassist Nathan "Brace Paine" Howdeshell is also from Arkansas, and his and Ditto's rural roots are all over the Gossip's music, which sounds like the White Stripes in a mud-wrestling match with a no-wave funk band. Drummer Hannah Blilie adds the primal-dance thump on

"Standing in the Way of Control," which was produced by Fugazi's Guy Picciotto.

"He would come to our shows in D.C., and he's recorded Quix\*o\*tic and Blonde Redhead, and we all were really into the sound of those records," Ditto said. "And, you know, he's a punk legend."

CHRISTOPHER PORTER

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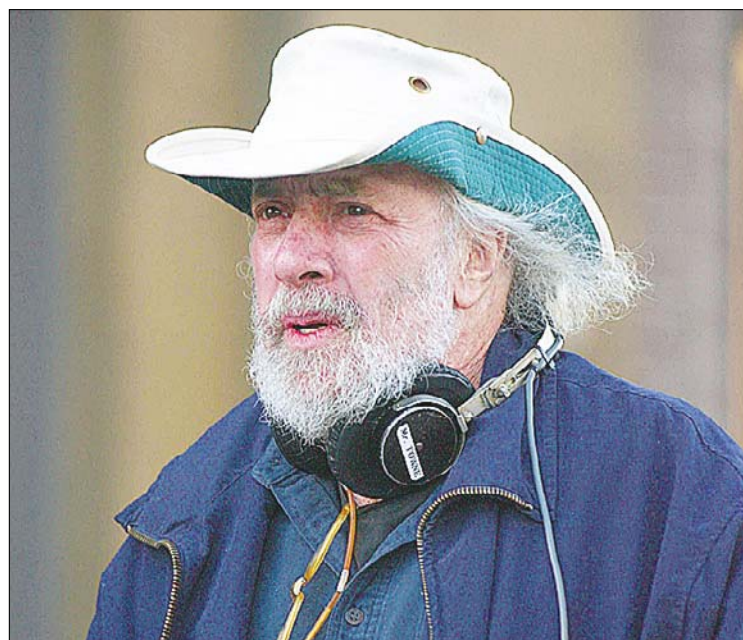
# From Ink To 'Dust'

**Robert Towne brings a labor of love, long in the making, to life**

**VISION** | Although it sounds dramatic to say screenwriter-director Robert Towne spent more than three decades trying to make "Ask the Dust," a film inspired by John Fante's 1939 novel of the same name, Towne didn't start writing the script until 1993. Still, it took the writer-director 12 years to generate the necessary financial backing.

He insists it's not all that hard to fathom, despite his impressive track record that includes writing the iconic and Academy Award-winning "Chinatown," which earned him an Oscar for best original screenplay in 1974. "It's a period piece," said the 71-year-old Los Angeles native, "politically incorrect, and the characters aren't very nice to each other. The money men — it's not the producers, it's the money men — were afraid no one would like these characters."

Whatever the perceived stumbling blocks, "Ask the Dust," starring



DAVID BLOOMER

**THREE DECADES OF DETERMINATION:** Screenwriter and director Robert Towne labored to bring John Fante's iconic novel "Ask the Dust" to life on the screen.

ring Colin Farrell and Salma Hayek, will be released tomorrow. The film represents an almost unprecedented commitment on Towne's part. Fante's story haunted him for 30

years: the obsessive sadomasochistic love affair between Italian-American writer Arturo Bandini (Farrell) and doomed Mexican-American waitress Camilla Lopez

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(Hayek) played out on the outskirts of Depression-era Los Angeles.

In some ways, "Ask the Dust" is "a companion piece to 'Chinatown,'" said Towne. "I found the novel when I was researching 'Chinatown,' looking for materials that evoked the ambiance of the era and the way people spoke. When I found the novel I fell in love with it. It jogged my own memories of my youth in Los Angeles. I had walked down these streets and knew what the air felt like, all the dust and so little foliage. It was a story I wanted to tell, and I believed it would work as a film." **SIMI HORWITZ (BACK STAGE)**

## Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

### 1 V for Vendetta

A piece of pulp claptrap with no insights whatsoever into totalitarian psychology. It's a teenager's freaky power trip.

STEPHEN HUNTER

### 2 Failure to Launch

Every character in this Sarah Jessica Parker-Matthew McConaughey romantic comedy has enough quirk to make it sublimely enjoyable.

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### 3 The Shaggy Dog

A nasty, unappealing Tim Allen vehicle, whose comedy chiefly derives from stupid stunts and a menagerie of animal clones.

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### 4 She's the Man

Amanda Bynes stars in another gate-crasher at the let's-do-a-mediocre-Shakespeare-update party.

DESSON THOMSON

### 5 The Hills Have Eyes

Alexandre Aja re-invents the 1977 Wes Craven classic as a blood-



WARNER BROS.

"V for Vendetta" tracks a year in the lives of a revolutionary and his accomplice.

splashed movie that's wildly alive, full of sure touches.

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### 6 16 Blocks

A feeble thriller starring Bruce Willis, rife with implausibilities.

STEPHEN HUNTER

### 7 Eight Below

The eight canine stars of "Eight Below" pull their weight literally and figuratively in this lively dog-in-jep adventure.

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### 8 Madea's Family Reunion

This Tyler Perry movie is a cultural phe-

nomenon, and knowing that is key to understanding the world of Madea, played by character creator Perry in a dress and wig.

MARCIA DAVIS

### 9 The Pink Panther

Most of the humor in "The Pink Panther," an unnecessary remake of the Peter Sellers franchise, derives from Steve Martin's silly French accent.

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### 10 Aquamarine

This mild-mannered comedy isn't particularly distinguished, but is better than nothing for its underserved tween audience.

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## Indies&Arties

### 'I Build the Tower'

Simon Rodia's folk-art dream — Los Angeles' Watts Towers — was architecture, art, sculpture and playground. See how this structure of mortar, wire and glass came to be in this compelling documentary.

→ *National Gallery of Art, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; Sat., 2 p.m., free; 202-842-6799. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*

### Reel Journalism

American University takes a serious look at journalism with Reel Journalism: Screenings & Symposia. The School of Communication will host screenings of "Good Night, and Good Luck" along with three documentaries: "Democracy on Deadline: The Global Struggle for an Independent Press," "Dateline Afghanistan: Reporting the Forgotten War" and "War Photographers."

→ *American University School of Communication, 4400 Massachusetts Ave.; Thu.-Sat., \$5; 202-885-2587.*

### 'Freedom's Call'

See the civil-rights struggle as two black journalists did in this film about Washington Post writer Dorothy Gilliam and photographer Ernest



COURTESY NGS

"Blackfly" is one of the animated environmental films at National Geographic.

Withers. A reception and discussion hosted by Ernie Green of the Little Rock nine follows the screening.

→ *Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu., 7:30 p.m.; 202-966-6000.*

### An Animated Environment

As part of the multi-venue Environmental Film Series, the National Geographic hosts a mini-fest featuring Oscar-winning and -nominated 'toons about life at the zoo, the importance of forestation, a pesky black fly and even Ernest Hemingway's little book about a guy and a fish.

→ *National Geographic, 17th & M streets NW; Sat., 1 p.m., \$8 adults, \$6 children 12 and under; 202-857-7700. (Farragut North)*





# Paper to Shelter

## Architect Shigeru Ban talks about his pulp building innovations

**LECTURE** | In the architecture business, the term “paper architect” is a derogation for visionaries who can’t seem to move their designs off a drawing table. But in the case of the Japanese architect Shigeru Ban, who will give a talk at the National Building Museum this week, it is practically an honorific.

Since the 1980s, Ban, who practices in Tokyo, has made building with paper, cardboard tubes and other repurposed materials his signature, in service to his dogged humanitarian streak.

After the 1995 earthquake in Kobe, Japan, he mobilized shipments of 34-ply paper tubes to the city and turned them into the walls of temporary houses, atop beer-crate foundations with tent roofs, for people left homeless. He also used 58 of the tubes to erect a paper church in Kobe in an elliptical form based on Bernini’s designs.

That same year, Ban became a consultant to the United Nations High Commission on Refugees and set up the Voluntary Architects Network, an aid group, to respond to disasters. He helped bring more



**ROLL UP:** Versions of Ban’s Paper Log House were built in Japan, Turkey and India.

paper-tube houses after earthquakes in Kaynasli, Turkey, and in Bhuj, India.

Yet even as he insists on materials that have been or will be recycled, the guy’s got a lighter side. He has designed Paris stage sets and a Tokyo gallery for the fashion designer Issey Miyake.

Most recently in the U.S., he completed the Nomadic Museum, a 56,000-square-foot shed built from about 150 shipping containers, with a nave of towering paper

tubes, to show off big pictures by the photographer Gregory Colbert. First built last year at Pier 54 in New York, the museum was taken down and rebuilt in Santa Monica, and will stay there until May 14, when Colbert’s works will be packed in the containers and shipped to Paris, Berlin and Tokyo. **BRADFORD MCKEE**

→ *National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW; Mon., 6:30 p.m., \$15-25; 202-272-2448, nbm.org. (Judiciary Square)*

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# Noise With a Purpose

Napalm Death takes a stand in its third decade of brutal rock

MUSIC | Take cover! Napalm Death, are co-heading Jaxx this Saturday, and vocalist/lyricist Barney Greenway said that once the band hits the stage, its “objective is to make the performance as intense as humanly possible.” What else would one expect from the godfathers of grindcore? The British quartet is touring in support of their album “The Code Is Red ... Long Live the Code.” Napalm Death has released 11 studio albums over the course of its career of 20-plus years, but sounds no less frenzied and violent on “Code” than it did on its brutal debut, “Scum.”



UP TO CODE: The British grindcore godfathers protest the American threat codes.

In fact, the band’s members may have more reason than ever to be angry. According to Greenway, the tile refers to “the constant terrorism alerts that would have the pub-

lic believe that a bomb was going to drop any minute. We know now that it just wasn’t the case, but the alerts were effective in getting people in America to accept the Patriot

Act without question. I see it as a sinister and abominable attack on human rights.” The band members were also skeptical when their label suggested they have guest musicians on “Code.” But, as Greenway said, Jamie Jasta of Hatebreed and Jello Biafra of the Dead Kennedys “really add a new and different dimension.” Such subtleties separate Napalm Death from hundreds of noisy derivatives. Perhaps this is why it’s still pulverizing the competition in the 21st century. GREGORY RE

→ Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; with Kreator, A Perfect Murder, Undying, Dead Syndicate, Moab, Sat., 6:30 p.m., \$20 in advance, \$23 at the doors; 800-551-7328, jaxxroxx.com.



## What’s Old Is Nü

WHAT: Korn  
WHERE: First Mariner Arena, 201 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md.  
WHEN: Sat., 8 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: \$34.50-\$42.50; 800-551-7328.  
WHY: Why not see if the nü-metal gods still have it? Korn went away, came back, lost a member to Christ and released “See You on the Other Side,” which is just as heavy, if a bit slicked-up, as the band’s previous experiments in extreme aggro.

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GUESS WHO’S COMING TO DINNER? Those Scandinavians and their knack for deft melodies and hot beats—they’re taking over our dance floors and the next thing you know, they’ll be marrying our sons. But parents could do worse than to welcome electro-pop’s ice-blond starlet Annie into the family. She gets feet moving and hearts pounding at the Black Cat on Sunday.

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**FIND ME GUILTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1230 400) 725 1035  
**SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13) DIG** (1200 230 500) 735 1015  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★** (1215 325) 700 1010  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★** (1235 100 355 435) 720 745 1030  
**HILLS HAVE EYES, THE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1245 330) 705 945  
**SHAGGY DOG, THE (PG) DIG** (1205 235 505) 740 1025  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG** (1200 1250 225 350 455) 710 730 940 1000  
**LIBERTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1220 345) 650 950  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG** 1020  
**16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG** (1255 335)  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG** (1240 340) 715 955  
**PINK PANTHER, THE (PG) DIG** (1210 240 510) 750

**FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10**  
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#  
**Adv. Tix on Sale DCI CLASSIC COUNTDOWN (NCM EVENT) (NR) ★**  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★** (100 120 150 400 420 450) 650 720 750 950 1020  
**SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13) DIG** (135 200 410 440) 700 730 945 1005  
**HILLS HAVE EYES, THE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (125 145 415 445) 715 740 940 1010  
**SHAGGY DOG, THE (PG) DIG** (115 155 350 430) 645 735 920 1000  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG** 655 930  
**CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG** (130 405)  
**GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14**  
20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★** (1200 100 150 315 415 500) 700 730 800 1010 1030  
**FIND ME GUILTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1210 330) 715 1015  
**SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13) DIG** (1205 330 505) 740 1010  
**HILLS HAVE EYES, THE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (130 220 420 515) 725 800 1000  
**SHAGGY DOG, THE (PG) DIG** (1200 115 245 415 510) 700 745 930 1015  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG** (1205 100 240 400 500) 720 750 950 1020  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG** 930  
**16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG** (120 410) 720 1020  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG** (1230 350) 710 1005  
**PINK PANTHER, THE (PG) DIG** (1250 340) 650  
**UK SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14**  
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#  
**Adv. Tix on Sale DCI CLASSIC COUNTDOWN (NCM EVENT) (NR) ★**  
**FIND ME GUILTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1230 315) 700 1005  
**SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13) DIG** (130 415) 715 950  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★** (1230 100 130 330 400 445) 645 720 800 1000  
**HILLS HAVE EYES, THE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (145 430) 745 1015  
**SHAGGY DOG, THE (PG) DIG** (200)  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG** (115 400) 730 1000  
**LIBERTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1245 330) 645 930  
**AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG** (1245 315) 630  
**16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG** (200 500) 800 1020  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG** (145 500) 745 1015  
**EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG** (115 415) 700 940  
**FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG** 1020  
**PINK PANTHER, THE (PG) DIG** 915  
**SHAGGY DOG (DTS-CSS/ OPEN CAPTION) (PG) DIG** (345) 915  
**AN AWESOME NIGHT WITH BEASTIE BOYS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** 800  
**MANASSAS STADIUM 14**  
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#  
**AN AWESOME NIGHT WITH BEASTIE BOYS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** 800  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★** (1200 1230 100 330 400 430) 630 700 740 930 1005 1030  
**FIND ME GUILTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (120 405) 735 1025  
**SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13) DIG** (1140 210 450)  
**HILLS HAVE EYES, THE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (110 415) 800 1035  
**SHAGGY DOG, THE (PG) DIG** (1130 1220 200 300 440) 620 725 915 950  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG** (1135 1215 150 345 420) 640 745 910 1000  
**AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG** (140 410) 650 920  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG** (455) 1015  
**16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG** (100 350) 725 955  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG** (1150 220 445) 710 925  
**PINK PANTHER, THE (PG) DIG** (1145 225) 750

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**AMC HOFFMANN CENTER 22**  
Eisenhower Ave and Telegraph Road in Alexandria  
703-998-4AMC

**FIND ME GUILTY (R)** ✓ 1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:35  
**SHE'S THE MAN (PG13)** ✓ 2:05, 4:35, 7:25, 10:00  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 1:00, 1:40, 2:20, 4:10, 4:40, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 8:30, 10:20  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 2:00, 2:55, 4:30, 5:35, 7:10, 8:15, 9:40  
**THE LIBERTINE (R)** 1:10, 6:00, 10:05  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 2:00, 3:25, 4:40, 6:15, 7:20, 9:00  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 6:45, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15  
**16 BLOCKS (PG13)** 1:25, 3:05, 4:25, 5:55, 7:35, 8:25, 10:10  
**AQUAMARINE (PG)** 2:15, 5:20, 7:55  
**DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R)** 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG13)** 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 2:00, 3:25, 4:40, 6:15, 7:20, 9:00  
**DATE MOVIE (PG13)** 10:30 PM  
**EIGHT BELOW (PG)** 2:30, 5:25, 8:10  
**CURIOUS GEORGE (G)** 2:30  
**FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R)** 10:25 PM  
**FIREWALL (PG13)** 5:05, 7:50, 10:30  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 8:20

**AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10**  
Loisdale and Franconia Road  
703-971-3991

**SHE'S THE MAN (PG13)** ✓ 2:15, 5:00, 8:30  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 1:30, 4:40, 8:00  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** 1:45, 4:50, 8:45  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 5:20, 8:30  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 2:00, 4:30, 7:45  
**16 BLOCKS (PG13)** 5:00, 8:15  
**AQUAMARINE (PG)** 4:40, 7:45  
**AQUAMARINE (PG)** 4:40, 7:45  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG13)** 5:10, 8:45  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 4:50, 8:10  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 4:30, 7:30

**AMC MAZZA GALLERIE**  
Jenifer and Wisconsin  
202-537-9553

**FIND ME GUILTY (R)** ✓ 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05  
**SHE'S THE MAN (PG13)** ✓ 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55  
**THE LIBERTINE (R)** 2:15, 5:20, 8:15  
**16 BLOCKS (PG13)** 2:20, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG13)** 9:50 PM  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 2:30, 4:50, 7:30  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 2:30, 4:50, 7:30  
**MATCH POINT (R)** 2:50, 5:40, 8:35

**LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14**  
3111 K Street, N.W.  
202-342-6441 821

**FIND ME GUILTY (R)** ✓ 1:00, 4:05, 6:55, 9:35  
**SHE'S THE MAN (PG13)** ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 9:50  
**THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R)** ✓ 12:30, 2:10, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6:50, 7:40, 9:10, 10:10  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 12:50, 1:50, 4:00, 4:50, 7:00, 7:55, 10:00, 10:55  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** 12:40, 2:30, 3:20, 5:00, 5:40, 7:10, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40  
**THE LIBERTINE (R)** 1:10, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 1:30, 4:10, 6:45  
**16 BLOCKS (PG13)** 1:40, 4:35, 7:05, 9:25  
**DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R)** 2:20, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 9:00 PM  
**SYRIANA (R)** 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30

**LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6**  
4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.  
202-244-0882 714

**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** 2:05, 4:30, 7:10  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 1:50, 4:20, 7:00  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 2:00, 4:15, 6:50  
**AQUAMARINE (PG)** 2:15, 4:35, 7:05  
**DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R)** 2:20, 4:40, 7:15  
**CURIOUS GEORGE (G)** 2:10, 4:10  
**BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R)** 6:20

**LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5**  
North Bethesda  
310-423-1014 741

**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** 2:00, 4:40, 7:20  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** 2:10, 4:45, 7:30  
**THE LIBERTINE (R)** 2:00, 4:35, 7:15  
**MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R)** 2:05, 4:30, 7:00  
**TRANSAMERICA (R)** 2:15, 4:30, 7:10

**AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18**  
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886  
703-998-4262

**FIND ME GUILTY (R)** ✓ 1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:35  
**SHE'S THE MAN (PG13)** ✓ 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:20, 7:00, 8:20, 9:55  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** 1:10, 1:40, 3:25, 4:20, 5:45, 7:10, 8:30, 9:20  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40  
**THE LIBERTINE (R)** 1:20, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 1:05, 2:05, 3:20, 4:25, 5:35, 7:00, 8:00, 9:10  
**16 BLOCKS (PG13)** 2:25, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00  
**AQUAMARINE (PG)** 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 9:45  
**DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R)** 7:45, 10:00  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG13)** 1:45, 4:55, 7:20, 9:30  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 1:55, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50  
**DATE MOVIE (PG13)** 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:25  
**EIGHT BELOW (PG)** 1:35, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55  
**CURIOUS GEORGE (G)** 1:25, 3:35, 5:40  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 2:20, 4:35, 7:25, 9:30

**AMC RIVERTOWNE 12**  
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.  
703-998-4AMC

**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 4:40, 7:40  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** 5:20, 8:10  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 4:50, 7:30  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 5:10, 7:50  
**16 BLOCKS (PG13)** 5:10, 8:00  
**AQUAMARINE (PG)** 4:10, 7:20  
**DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R)** 5:00, 7:50  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG13)** 4:50, 7:20  
**DOOGAL (G)** 4:20  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 4:40, 5:20, 7:40, 8:20  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 4:30, 7:30  
**BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13)** 7:10

**AMC UNION STATION 9**  
Located at Union Station  
703-998-4AMC

**SHE'S THE MAN (PG13)** ✓ 2:00, 4:45, 7:45  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 2:00, 5:00, 8:00  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** 2:30, 5:55, 8:10  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 2:05, 4:25, 7:05  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 2:20, 5:15, 7:50  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 2:20, 5:15, 7:50  
**16 BLOCKS (PG13)** 2:15, 4:50, 7:30  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG13)** 2:35, 4:35, 7:20  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 2:15, 4:45, 7:40  
**CURIOUS GEORGE (G)** 2:45

**AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6**  
Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.  
703-998-4AMC

**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 5:00, 5:30, 8:00, 8:30  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** 5:45, 8:10  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 5:15, 7:50  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 5:45, 8:10  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG13)** 8:20  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 5:55

**MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12**  
800 Shopper's Way, Largo  
301-324-4220 844

**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** 3:20, 5:40, 8:05, 10:25  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10  
**16 BLOCKS (PG13)** 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:35  
**DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R)** 1:20, 4:25, 7:20, 9:50  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG13)** 2:30, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30  
**DATE MOVIE (PG13)** 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40  
**FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R)** 1:50, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 3:10, 5:25, 8:10, 10:20

**LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7**  
2772 South Randolph  
703-671-0910 801

**NIGHT WATCH (R)** 1:20, 4:40, 7:50, 10:10  
**MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R)** 2:00, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30  
**THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R)** 1:10, 3:50, 7:40, 10:00  
**MATCH POINT (R)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40  
**TRANSAMERICA (R)** 1:40, 4:20, 8:00, 10:10  
**BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R)** 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40  
**CAPOTE (R)** 1:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

**LOEWS DUPONT 5**  
1350 19th St.  
202-872-9555 711

**DUCK SEASON (R)** 5:15, 8:30  
**WINTER PASSING (R)** 8:10  
**MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R)** 5:45  
**WHY WE FIGHT (PG13)** 5:30, 8:15  
**BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R)** 4:45, 7:45  
**CAPOTE (R)** 5:00, 8:00

**AMC TYSONS CORNER 16**  
7850 Tysons Corner Center  
703-998-4262

**SHE'S THE MAN (PG13)** ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 12:10, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** 2:15, 5:20, 8:30  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** ✓ 12:05, 1:05, 2:25, 3:30, 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:15, 9:40, 10:35  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** ✓ 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:50, 10:20  
**THE LIBERTINE (R)** ✓ 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** ✓ 12:15, 1:30, 2:40, 4:10, 5:30, 7:00, 7:55, 9:25, 10:15  
**16 BLOCKS (PG13)** 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45  
**AQUAMARINE (PG)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05  
**DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R)** 12:40, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG13)** 1:25, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:15  
**FIREWALL (PG13)** 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:25, 9:50

**AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14**  
10300 Patuxent Parkway  
410-423-0520

**FIND ME GUILTY (R)** ✓ 1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55  
**SHE'S THE MAN (PG13)** ✓ 12:25, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:30  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:15, 8:15, 10:10  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** ✓ 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** ✓ 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30  
**THE LIBERTINE (R)** ✓ 1:20, 4:10, 7:20, 10:05  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** ✓ 12:05, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:25  
**16 BLOCKS (PG13)** 12:15, 2:30, 4:55, 7:50, 10:20  
**AQUAMARINE (PG)** 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25  
**AQUAMARINE (PG)** 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25  
**DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R)** 1:55, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG13)** 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:35, 9:45  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00  
**FIREWALL (PG13)** 10:15 PM  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:45

**AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8**  
Courthouse and Birch Rd.  
703-998-4AMC

**SHE'S THE MAN (PG13)** ✓ 2:10, 4:50, 7:30  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 2:40, 5:10, 8:00  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 3:00, 5:25, 7:50  
**FIREWALL (PG13)** 3:10, 5:50, 8:20  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 2:50, 5:00, 7:40  
**TRANSAMERICA (R)** 2:30, 5:40, 8:10  
**MUNICH (R)** 2:00, 5:20, 8:40  
**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG)** 2:20, 5:30, 8:30

**LOEWS WHEATON PLAZA 11**  
Viers Mill Rd. Btwn. Georgia & University  
901-949-9202 746

**SHE'S THE MAN (PG13)** ✓ 4:20, 7:15, 9:40  
**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** ✓ 4:05, 7:00, 10:00  
**FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13)** 4:50, 7:25, 9:35  
**THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)** 4:30, 7:30, 9:50  
**THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 5:00, 7:25, 9:40  
**16 BLOCKS (PG13)** 4:10, 7:15, 9:50  
**AQUAMARINE (PG)** 4:45, 7:35, 9:55  
**AQUAMARINE (PG)** 4:45, 7:35, 9:55  
**DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R)** 4:15, 7:10, 9:30  
**ULTRAVIOLET (PG13)** 4:40, 8:00, 10:10  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 4:20, 7:20, 9:45  
**THE PINK PANTHER (PG)** 5:10, 7:15, 9:20

**LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8**  
8065 Leesburg Pike  
703-506-9857 802

**FIND ME GUILTY (R)** 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00  
**MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13)** 2:30, 5:10, 7:25, 9:45  
**DATE MOVIE (PG13)** 2:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20  
**EIGHT BELOW (PG)** 1:50, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40  
**CURIOUS GEORGE (G)** 2:20, 4:45  
**FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R)** 9:30 PM  
**MUNICH (R)** 1:40, 5:00, 8:30  
**MUNICH (R)** 1:40, 5:00, 8:30  
**MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13)** 7:50  
**BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R)** 2:00, 5:05, 8:00  
**CAPOTE (R)** 2:15, 4:40, 7:05

**LOEWS UPTOWN 1**  
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.  
202-966-5400 713

**V FOR VENDETTA (R)** 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10



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**DUCK SEASON (NR)** 1:45, 4:25, 7:20, 10:00  
**THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R)** 1:35, 2:35, 4:10, 5:10  
7:05, 7:45, 9:20, 10:05  
**MATCH POINT (R)** 2:00, 8:00  
**MUNICH (R)** 4:40  
**CRASH (R)** 2:15, 4:50, 7:55, 9:50  
**BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R)** 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45  
**TSOTSI (R)** 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55  
**THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R)** 4:20, 9:50  
**CACHE (R)** 1:40, 7:10

**P&G WESTFIELD MONTGOMERY**  
7101 Democracy Blvd. Beth. 301-767-9555  
BARGAIN MATINEES BEFORE 6 PM!  
**SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13)** 1:00, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30  
**SHAGGY DOG (PG)** 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20  
**CRASH (R)** 5:30, 7:40  
**CURIOUS GEORGE (G)** 1:30, 3:30

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### Special Menus in Bloom

The cherry blossoms should be reaching their peak bloom any day now. So in celebration of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, a number of restaurants and bars have decided to let literal trump seasonality and will be offering drinks inspired by the fruit itself. Firefly in Dupont Circle seems to have done its cherry blossom-history homework to come up with The Vicountess, a cocktail named after Vicountess Chinda, the wife of the former Japanese ambassador who planted the cherry blossom trees along the Potomac River and the Tidal Basin. That drink consists of a ginger-infused brandy, Cointreau, orange bitters and muddled cherries, all garnished with an orange peel.

If you're looking for sangria with a timely twist, La Tasca will be serving up a cherry sangria as well as other festival-themed drinks to accompany its usual array of tapas. But La Tasca won't be alone in crafting a cherry 'tini. Morton's will feature a Cherry Blossom "Mortini" made with cherry vodka and garnished with cherry meringue whipped topping. Chef Geoff's 13th Street NW location will be able to craft a chocolate-covered cherry martini — heaven in a cocktail glass — with black-cherry vodka, Godiva liqueur and cream.

If it's cherry-themed beer you're



**SEEING RED:** Local chefs and mixologists are energized by the gastronomic possibilities of cherry-blossom season. To wit, Firefly's gorgeous "Vicountess."

looking for, the District Chop House and Brewery will offer a cherry wheat beer, while the Arlington and Bethesda locations of the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery, the national brewpub chain, will feature hearty cherry porter and stout. **MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)**

→ *La Tasca*, 2900 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-812-9120. (Clarendon)

→ 722 7th St. NW; 202-347-9190.  
→ *Morton's of Chicago*, 1050 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-955-5997.  
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Washington Post Sunday Magazine columnist **TOM SIETSEMA** talks restaurants Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline).

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## Ask Tom

**What would you say is the best bargain meal in Arlington? We're trying to keep it under \$10 a person.**

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→ 1721 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-7355. (Rosslyn)

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Another good choice, I agree.

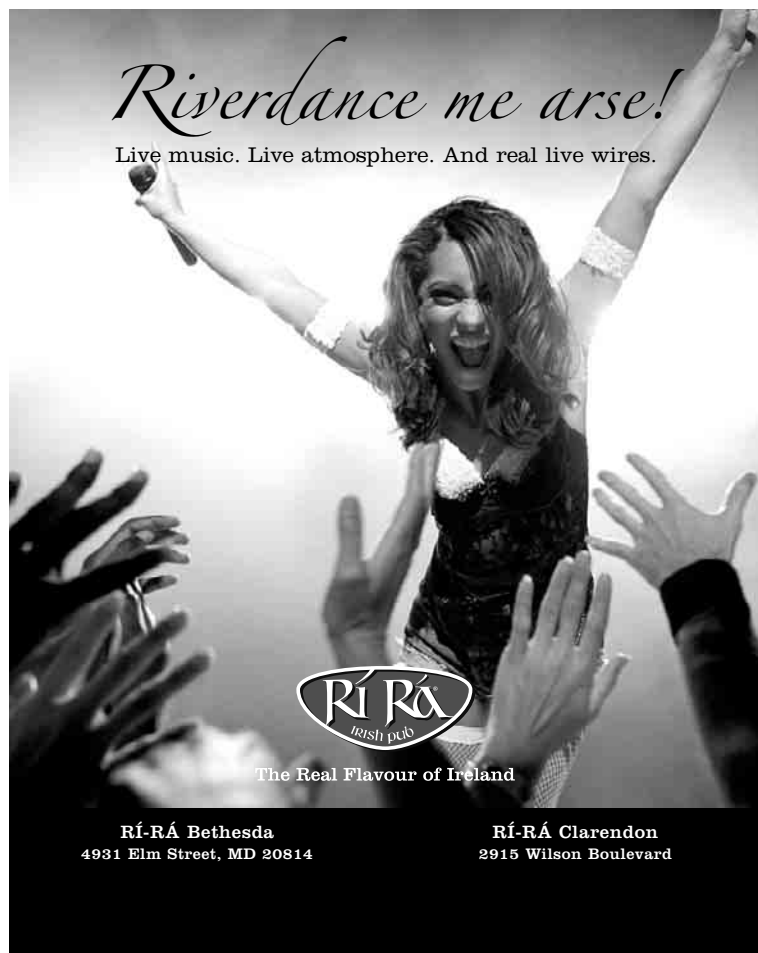
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The antipasto and cheese plates, which come in large and small boards, look like winners too, assuming you like stuff like mortadella, soppressata, brie, Gorgonzola, roasted red peppers and fennel pickles.

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## Sound

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**Bangkok Blues:** The Psychedelia, 7:30 p.m., \$5.

**Birchmere:** Jenny Lewis and The Watson Twins, 7:30 p.m., sold out.

**Black Cat:** The Gossip, Panther, Her Daily Obsession, 8:30 p.m., \$10. Georgie James, The Joggers, (backstage) 9 p.m., \$7.

**Blues Alley:** Earl Klugh Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.50.

**Capital City Records:** Beat Grinder: four producers battle, 7 p.m., free.

**Crossroads:** Live reggae happy hour, 5 p.m., free. Hip-hop & dancehall with DJs Zone One, Jason Steele and Majestic, 10 p.m., ladies free before 11 p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com, \$15 before 11 p.m., \$20 after.

**DC9:** The Guins, Emeror X, Mandible, the Gray Kid, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

**Five:** Latin party, DJs Chris, Manny Fresh & Ty-One, 10 p.m., \$5.

**Improv:** Flip Orley, 8:30 p.m., \$15.

**Iota:** Honor By August (CD release), Jack's House, Rainmarket, 9 p.m., \$10.

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**Kennedy Center:** NSO: Leonard Slatkin, Emanuel Ax, 7 p.m., \$20-\$79.

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**9:30 Club:** The Magic Number, The Elected, 8:30 p.m., \$15.

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**Staccato:** Dani Linnetz, Emiko, 8 p.m., free.

**State Theatre:** Auktyon, 8:30 p.m., \$20 (advance), \$23.

**Strathmore:** Pedja Muzijevic and Tanya Tomkins, 7:30 p.m., \$26. Baltimore Symphony Orchestra performs Mozart, 8 p.m., sold out.

**Twins Jazz:** Pete Robbins, 8 p.m.

**Velvet Lounge:** Flex and Damu, 9 p.m., \$6

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**Wolf Trap:** Jonathan Edwards, 8 p.m., \$20.

**Wonderland Ballroom:** Gringos de la Muerte, Durga Temple, 9:30 p.m., free.

**Zanzibar:** Comedy open mic, 7 p.m., free.

### → FRIDAY

**Apex:** DJ Melissa, Jermey Yohe, Tony Velasco, 9 p.m., \$8.

**Bangkok Blues:** Bliss, 7 p.m. Acme Blues, 9 p.m., \$7-\$10.

**Black Cat:** Ted Leo and the Pharmacists, The Duke Spirit, Les Aus, 9:30 p.m., sold out. Reach Up, 9:30 p.m., free (backstage).

**Blues Alley:** Earl Klugh Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.50.

**Club Amazon:** Rare Essence, 10 p.m., \$10, ladies free before 11 p.m.

**Crossroads:** Bobby's Music Machine,

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**DC Arts Center:** Doug Powell (comedy), 10 p.m., \$5.

**DC9:** Liberation Dance Party, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

**Embassy of Austria:** Mozart's String Quintet compositions (Part II), 8 p.m., \$45

**Five:** Dimitri From Paris, 9 p.m., \$10.

**Improv:** Flip Orley, 8 & 10:30 p.m., \$17.

**Iota:** Kelley Stoltz, Shurman, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

**Jammin' Java:** The Getaway Car, Adam Richman, 8 p.m., \$12.

**Jaxx:** Odin's Court, Division, Unbroken, Scarz Within, Unit 53, 7 p.m., \$10.

**Kansas House:** Rachel Jacobs and the Sputnik, Mess Up the Mess, Show Me the

Pink, Mikaela's Fiend, 8 p.m., \$5.

**Kennedy Center:** NSO: Leonard Slatkin, Emanuel Ax, 1:30 p.m., \$20-\$79. NSO Youth Fellows, 6 p.m., free.

**Library of Congress:** Bach Collegium Japan, 8 p.m., sold out.

**Love:** DJs Harry Hotter, Analyze & Armageddon, 9 p.m., \$20, free before 10:30 p.m. with pass from lovethclub.com.

**Nation:** Cübik, 8 p.m., \$10.

**9:30 Club:** The Cult, 8 p.m., sold out.

**Patriot Center:** Kid Rock, 8 p.m., \$39.

**Platinum:** Club mix with DJ QicSilver, 9 p.m., \$10 before 11 p.m. with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after.

**Smithsonian Jazz Cafe:** Latin Jazz Night, 6 p.m., \$10.

**Show Place Arena:** Ludacris, Paul Wall, Slim Thug, 8 p.m., \$65.

**Staccato:** The Cads, Omega Band, Derek James, 8 p.m., \$5.

**State Theatre:** Nick Swardson, Rory Scovel (comedy), 8 & 10:30 p.m., \$23.

**Strathmore:** Marian McPartland Trio, 8 p.m., \$25-\$40.

**Twins Jazz:** The Tim Warfield Quartet, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

**Velvet Lounge:** City State (CD release), East Hundred, Neck, Charm City Saints, 10 p.m., \$8.

**Warehouse Next Door:** The Drift, First Nation, The Plums, Souvenir's Young America, 9 p.m., \$7.

**Warner Theatre:** Brian Culbertson, Kim Waters, Paul Taylor, 8 p.m., \$60.

**Wolf Trap:** Bonnie Rideout Scottish Trio, 8 p.m., \$20.

**Zanzibar:** Image Band, Richardo Lembo,

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**666 House:** 666 Irving St. NW.

**Apex:** 415 22nd St. NW; 202-296-0505.

**Asylum:** 2471 18th St. NW; 202-319-9353.

**Bangkok Blues:** 926 W. Broad St., Falls Church; 703-534-0095.

**Birchmere Music Hall:** 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-549-7500.

**BlackRock:** 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, Md.; 301-216-0081.

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**DC Arts Center:** 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833.

**Embassy of Austria:** 3524 International Ct. NW; 202-895-6775.

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**Jaxx:** 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; 703-569-5940.

**Kansas House:** 900 N. Kansas St.,

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**Kennedy Center:** 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324.

**Library of Congress:** 10 First St. SE; 202-707-5000.

**Love:** 1350 Okie St. NE; 202-636-9030.

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**9:30 Club:** 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.

**Patriot Center:** George Mason University, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax; 703-993-3000.

**Platinum:** 915 F St. NW; 202-393-3555.

**Renwick Gallery:** Smithsonian American Art Museum, 17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-1000.

**Show Place Arena:** 14900 Pennsylvania Ave., Upper Marlboro, MD; 202-397-7328.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church:** 118 Third St. SE; 202-543-0053.

**Staccato:** 2006 18th St. NW; 202-232-

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**State Theatre:** 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 703-237-0300.

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DJs Chick and Andy Mix, 7 p.m. DJs Naem and Quicksilver (hip-hop), 7 p.m., \$20 before midnight.

### → SATURDAY

**Apex:** Liquid Ladies, 9 p.m., \$8.

**Asylum:** Michael Aaron, Funk Glove, Scarlet Bush, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

**Bangkok Blues:** Govt Cheez, 7 p.m. Mike Lapadula and The Lost Souls, 9 p.m., \$7-\$10.

**Birchmere:** Janis Ian, Mark Austin, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

**Black Cat:** Lee Rocker, Quentin Jones and The Barnstormers, J.B. Beverley and The Wayward Drifters, 9:30 p.m., \$15. DJs Will Eastman and Travis Morrison, (backstage) 9 p.m., \$6.

**Blues Alley:** Earl Klugh Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.50.

**Club Amazon:** The L!ssen Band, 10 p.m., ladies free before 11 p.m., \$10 after.

**Crossroads:** DJs Super Slice, Zone One

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**DC Arts Center:** Doug Powell (comedy), 10 p.m., \$5.

**DC9:** Soft Complex, Dirty On Purpose, Heros Severum, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

**Five:** Evil 9, Selassie Soundsystem, 9 p.m., \$10.

**Galaxy Hut:** Boxcar Collision, Rose, 9:45 p.m., \$5.

**Improv:** Flip Orley, 8 & 10:30 p.m., \$17.

**Iota:** The Minus 5, The Silos, 9:30 p.m., \$15.

**Jammin' Java:** Brindley Brothers, The Sketches, Justin Jones, 8 p.m., \$10.

**Jaxx:** Napalm Death, Kreator, A Perfect Murder, Undying and others, 7 p.m., \$20 (advance), \$23.

**Kennedy Center:** Kaori Fujii Trio, 6 p.m., free. NSO: Leonard Slatkin, Emanuel Ax, 8 p.m., \$20-\$79.

**Love:** DJs William, Money, Bomba & Jose (hip-hop, Latin, top 40), 9 p.m., \$20.

**Nation:** Velvet anniversary party 10 p.m., \$8 before 11 p.m., \$15 after.

**9:30 Club:** Jamie Cullum, Brandi Carlile,



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**Patriot Center:** Reggaeton Spring Bling, 7 p.m., \$58-\$98.**Platinum:** R&B, hip-hop and reggae, 9 p.m., free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.**Renwick Gallery:** Smithsonian Chamber Music Society, 8 p.m., \$31.**Staccato:** AIDS Benefit with Justin Truwick and Friends, 8 p.m., \$5.**State Theatre:** Mates Of State, Maria Taylor, Hail Social, 9 p.m., \$13.**St. Mark's Episcopal Church:** Ninth Annual Jazz Gala and Auction for School-Within-School at Peabody, 7 p.m., \$30.**Strathmore:** National Philharmonic: Brahms' German Requiem, 8 p.m., \$25-\$80.**Tidal Basin:** Cherry Blossom Festival: Japanese Choral Society, Woodbridge Aikido, Nihon Buyou, Dancensations Dancers, Kellee Webb, Steven Gellman, Jayamangala, Lucky Day, noon-4:45 p.m., free.  
**Twins Jazz:** The Tim Warfield Quartet, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.**U-Turn:** Matinee with the Nuclears, the Originators, Curbside Revenge, Brain Damaged, Flinch, Royal Flush, Dutch Cousins, Never Ender, 2 p.m., \$5.**Velvet Lounge:** CTC, Bo Bim, 10 p.m., \$8.  
**Warehouse Next Door:** Alleged Bricks (CD release), Set to Explode, the Twats, Beneath the Streets, Pessimist Parade, 8 p.m., \$7.**Wolf Trap:** John Eaton, 7:30 p.m., \$25.  
**Zanzibar:** International Dance Party with Makossa, Ndombolo, Couper Decaler, 9 p.m., free before 10 p.m., \$10 after.**→ SUNDAY****Bangkok Blues:** Talal Faral Concert Charity Drive for Madagascar Hunger Relief, 7 p.m., \$7-\$10.**Birchmere:** Billy Bragg, Jill Sobule, 7:30 p.m., \$29.50, sold out.**Black Cat:** Annie, Shy Child, Turntablist DJ DK, 8:30 p.m., \$12.**Blues Alley:** Duology, Spiram Gopal, Geoff Rohrbach, 8 & 10 p.m., \$18.**Crossroads:** DJs Jason Steele and Andy G. (dancehall), 10 p.m., ladies free before 11 p.m. with pass from crossroads club.com, \$15 before 11 p.m., \$20 after.**DC9:** Barbez, Dreamend, Caution Curves, The Antiques, 9:30 p.m., \$8.**Five:** Trade (alternative lifestyles), 9 p.m., \$10.**Galaxy Hut:** Dan Roberts Band, Mosquito Death Squadron, 9:45 p.m., \$5.**Improv:** Flip Orley, 8 p.m., \$15.**Iota:** Lain Campbell Smith, 8 p.m., \$10.**Jammin' Java:** New Dominion Chorale Benefit with Murrigan, 2 p.m., \$25. The**LIVE HICK-HOP | MY NAME IS ...**

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Cherry People, 7 p.m., sold out, 9 p.m., \$20.

**Jaxx:** Bleed the Sky, Silent Civilian, Four Barrel, Envy Insane, 6:30 p.m., \$10 (in advance), \$11.**Kennedy Center:** A Celebration of America's Music: Grand Ole Opry, 7:30 p.m., \$15-\$70. Akikazu Nakamura and Kokoo, 2 p.m., \$20. Tennessee Mafia Jug Band, Leroy Troy, 6 p.m., free.**Nation:** 33 West (CD release), Downtown Singapore, Pictures & Pieces, Full Minute of Mercury, So Damn Thirsty, 4 p.m., \$10.**9:30 Club:** Rob Zombie, Lacuna Coil, Bullet for My Valentine, 8:30 p.m., sold out.**Platinum:** DJs Alize, Trini & Superslice-Muzik Nashun, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.**Renwick Gallery:** Smithsonian Chamber Music Society, 7:30 p.m., \$31.**666 House:** BBQ with Government Warning, Cloak & Dagger, Time to Escape, Sick Fix, 3 p.m., \$5.**Twins Jazz:** Weekly jam session with the Ron Gary Trio, 8 p.m.**Velvet Lounge:** Rasna, Dave Stien, 9 p.m., \$6.**Sight****American Art Museum:** Grant Wood's Studio: Birthplace of American Gothic, 160 works, including the highly recognizable painting, through June 11. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-1000.**Conner Contemporary:** Brian Morse's digital programs explore chaos and order, through April 29. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.**Corcoran Gallery of Art:** David Seymour's rare color photos and his well-known post-World War II images. A full-scale survey of Robert Bechtle's neorealistic paintings, both through June 4. 500

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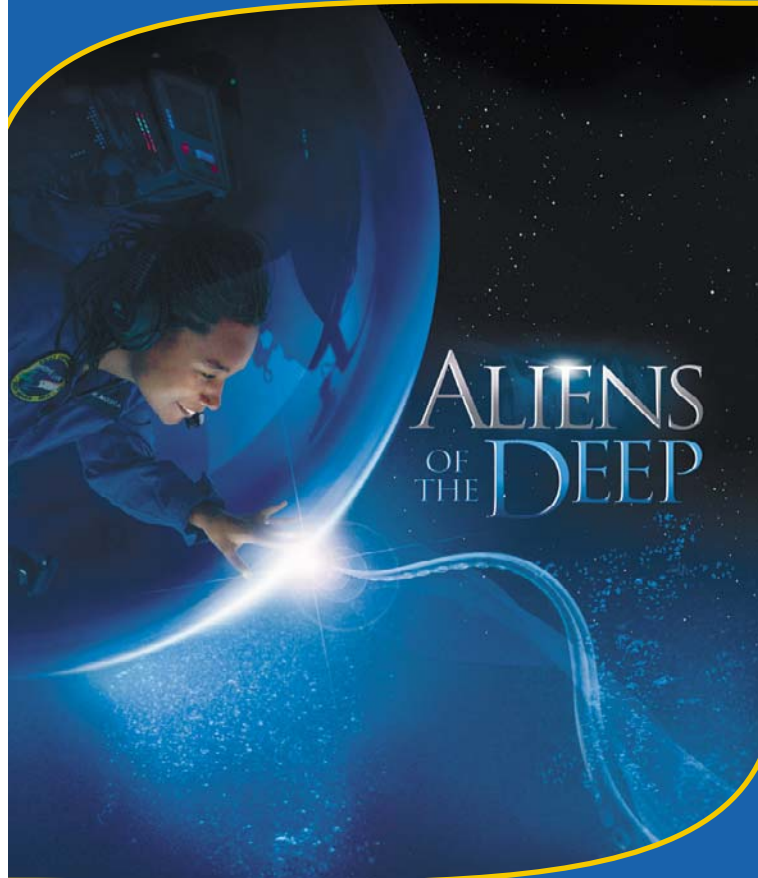
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**Cultural Institute of Mexico:** Strange

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**Curator's Office:** Other than Art, also

presented by Provisions Library and G Fine Art galleries, works exploring utopia and the intersections of art, environment and society, opening reception Sat., 7 p.m., through April 29. 1515 I4th St. NW; 202-462-1601.

**DAR Museum:** Obsolete, Odd and Absolutely Ooky Stuff from the DAR Museum

Vaults, through Sept. 2. 1176 D. St. NW; 202-879-3241.

**LAST CHANCE D.C. Arts Center:**

"Hystoria," paintings and photos that depict history in the wake of a chaotic present, through March 26. 2438 I8th St. NW; 202-462-7833.

**Embassy of Finland:** From Wood to

Architecture, 17 buildings demonstrate contemporary Finnish architecture, through May 7. 3301 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-298-5822.

**Flashpoint:** "Flocks & Flowers," Nathan

Manuel's drawings and paintings of Christian practices in a largely secular world, through April 1. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310.

**Folger Shakespeare Library:** Shakespeare for children over the centuries,

through May 13. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600.

**Fraser Gallery Bethesda:** Fourth

Annual Bethesda International Photograph Competition, a juried show, through April 11. 7700 E. Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

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Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Chinese Music and the Visual Arts, through March 26. Katsushika Hokusai, 180 paintings, prints, drawings and books by the Japanese artist, through May 14. "100 Years of the Book of Tea," through May 29. Artists of Edo, 19th century paintings and prints by artists from Edo. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880.

**Gallery 10:** Dennis Olsen's prints and por-

celains show how ancient texts and maps shape cultural realities, through April 1. 1519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-3326.

**Gateway:** "Aeromatic," Artomatic partici-

pants compete in a juried show, through April 3. 8001 Kennett St., Suite 3, Silver Spring; 301-562-1400.

**Goethe-Institut:** Max Liebermann's

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Works on Paper, through April 28. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200.

**Hemphill:** Anne Rowland's photos of rural

America, through April 22. "The Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death," Corinne May Botz's photos of 1940s and 1950s Baltimore crime-scene models, through April 22. 1515 I4th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

**Herishhorn Museum:** Directions, "Don't

Be Afraid," banner by Jim Hodges, through April 1. Hiroshi Sugimoto, the photographer's first career survey, through May 14. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000.

**International Visions:** "Horses," featuring

paintings by Mary Ann Reilly, photos by John Engelhart and sculptures by Claire McArdle, through April 1. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

**Irvine Contemporary:** Celebrity Photo-

graphs From the Warhol Factory Years, through March 31. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

**The Jerusalem Fund Gallery:** Alam al-

Mithal: The World of the Image, Jordanian photographer Jan Kassay's work depicts her homeland in a new light, through April 28. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958.

**Matrix Exhibitions:** Portraits of Patriots:

Photographs and Stories of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Chester Simpson's



## TheScene

photos of 30 American veterans of wars spanning the past 60 years, through April II. 3307 M St. NW; 202-333-1180.

**Montgomery College:** East Meets West, featuring contemporary pottery by West and East coast artists, through April 7. Rockville Campus Art Gallery, Route 355 and Mannakee Street, Rockville; 301-279-5115.

**National Archives:** The Way We Worked, photos and artifacts honoring working Americans, through May 29. Constitution Ave. & 9th St. NW; 202-501-5000.

**National Building Museum:** Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community, through July 4. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

**LAST CHANCE National Gallery of Art:** Audubon's Dream Realized, through March 26. Photographic Discoveries, 19th and early 20th century photographs by various artists show how this new medium developed into an art form, Sun. through July 30. Cézanne in Provence, through May 7. Dada, a retrospective of the early-20th-century movement, through May 14. "Amorous Intrigues and Painterly Refinement," landscapes and portraits by Dutch master Frans van Mieris, through May 21. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

**National Geographic Society:** From Geisha to Diva: The Kimonos of Ichimaru, through April 23. Mongolia: Traditions Reborn, antique and contemporary pieces from Buddhist Tsam ceremonies, through May 14. Archipelago, photos of animal life in Hawaii, through May 29. 17th & M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

**National Library of Medicine:** Visible Proofs: Forensic Views of the Body, ongoing. 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-496-6308.

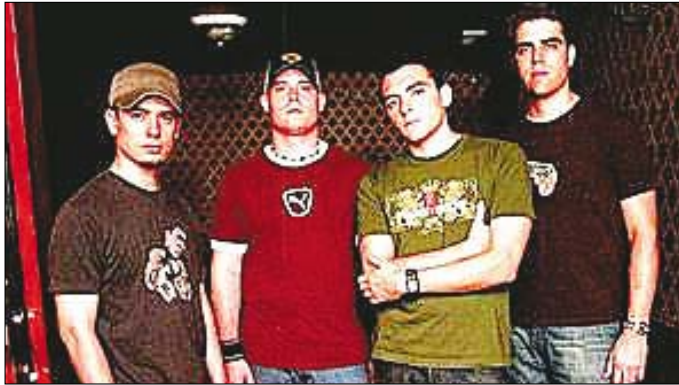
**National Museum of African Art:** BIG/small, diverse historical pieces show the importance of size and scale in African art, through July 9. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000.

**National Museum of American History:** Benjamin Franklin, artifacts and paintings, through April 17. Honky-Tonk, Henry Horenstein's photos of country musicians, through Sept. 5, other exhibitions ongoing. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

**National Museum of Natural History:** Ancient Colombian Gold, through April 9. Frost: Life and Culture of the Sami people of Norway, through April 23. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue; 202-633-1000.

**National Museum of Women in the Arts:** Divine and Human: Women in

### LIVE LOCAL ROCK | AUGUST COMPANY



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**HOORAY FOR US:** Want mainstream rock without paying mainstream prices? Honor by August, a straight-ahead outfit formed out of Georgetown University and growing into a staple on the local scene, is throwing itself a record-release party at Iota on Thursday in support of its first album, "Drowning Out the Television," which was released Tuesday.

Ancient Mexico and Peru, artifacts that reflect women's lives in Mesoamerica, through May 28. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

**LAST CHANCE NVCC:** Collages by professor Jim Burford, through March 27. Colgan Hall Exhibit Space, 6901 Sudley Road, Manassass, Va.; 703-257-6532.

**Numark Gallery:** Some Places, Doug Hall's photos question tourism, through April 15. 625 E St. NW; 202-628-3810.

**Phillips Collection:** Paintings by Degas, Sickert and Toulouse-Lautrec illuminate the dialogue among 19th-century French and British artists, through May 14. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

**Project 4:** Afterwar, photos of the effects of war taken around the globe by Lori Grinker, through April 1. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340.

**Roxanne's ARTiques:** Prints by George H. Smith-Shomari depict the relationship between music and the soul, through April 15. 3426 9th St. NE; 202-526-7020.

**Spectrum Gallery:** J. Lea Lansaw's landscapes and other pieces, reception Sat., 6 p.m., through April 9. 1132 29th St. NW; 202-333-0954.

**Strathmore:** The Washington Water Color Association, through March 31. 15th Annual Juried Strathmore Artist Membership Exhibition, regional artists, through April 8. 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-581-5200.

**LAST CHANCE Temporary Exhibition Space:** Wall Snatchers, graffiti from American cities, through March 26. 3307 M St. NW; 202-639-1828.

**Textile Museum:** Harpies, Mermaids and  
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### Friday, March 24

Greenberg Theatre  
4200 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

**8:00 p.m.** Good Night, and Good Luck  
\$5.00 General Admission; FREE for students and children under 12

**9:30 p.m.** Panel discussion with Casey Murrow, Nick Clooney, Bob Edwards, and others  
FREE General Admission

### Saturday, March 25

Greenberg Theatre  
4200 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

**5:00 p.m.** DATELINE AFGHANISTAN: Reporting the Forgotten War  
FREE General Admission

**7:30 p.m.** War Photographer  
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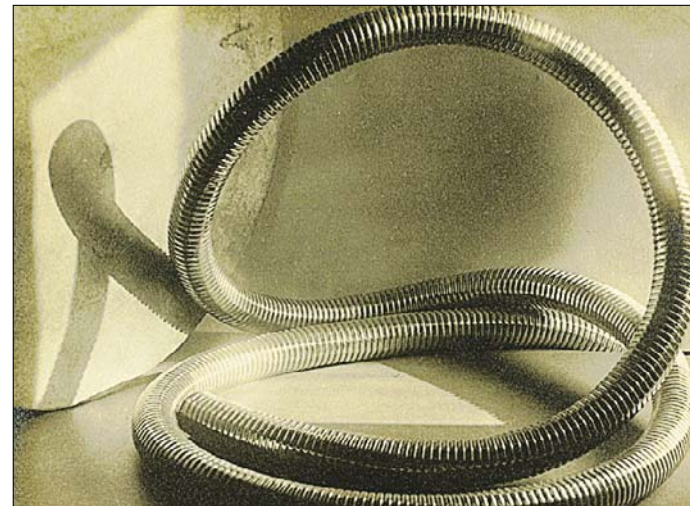
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**PICTURES FROM AN EXHIBITION:** The new show "Photographic Discoveries: Recent Acquisitions" highlights 70 photographs from 1840-1940 in the National Gallery of Art's collection. Many of the photographers' names will be familiar to layman and aficionado alike, some less so: William Henry Fox Talbot, Eugene Arget, Alfred Stieglitz, Aleksandr Rodchenko.



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**Tulips:** Embroidery from Greek Islands and the Epirus Region, through Sept. 3.  
**Seldom Seen:** Director's Choice From the Museum's Collections, through July 30. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

**Touchstone Gallery:** Tory Cowles and Aina Nergaard-Nammack's paintings, through April 9. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787.

**Transformer Gallery:** "Itsy Bitsy Bollocks," featuring punk culture and graffiti-inspired paintings, drawings and more, through April 22. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102.

**University of Phoenix, Northern Virginia Campus:** Award-winning pieces from League of Reston Artists, through April 28. 11730 Plaza American Drive, Suite 200, Reston; 703-476-1474.

**U.S. Botanic Garden:** Simply Sublime: Orchids in an Art Deco Garden, through April 2. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333.

**LAST CHANCE Washington Printmakers Gallery:** Rhythm and Lines, Joseph Holston's etchings of African-American life, through March 26. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

**Washington Square:** Sculpture Now: 2006, the Washington Sculptors Group, through May 5. 1050 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-686-8696.

**White-Meyer Gallery:** This is Our Land: Discovering America and the World through Original Illustrations from Children's Books, presented by The Library

of Congress, through April 30. 1624 Crescent Place NW; 202-939-5568.

**LAST CHANCE Zenith Gallery:** A group show featuring paintings, sculptures, photos and prints by 34 artists, through March 28. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963.

## Stage

**THURSDAY ONLY Les Acrostiches:** The four clowns who comprise this ensemble defy gravity once again. \$4-\$6. Smithsonian Discovery Theater, Rm 3111, 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW; 202-357-1500, [discoverytheater.com](http://discoverytheater.com).

**American Ring:** The Washington National Opera's "American" take on Wagner's "The Ring of Nibelung," Sat. through April 14, \$45-\$190. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St., NW; 202-467-4600, [kennedy-center.org](http://kennedy-center.org).

**The Autumn Garden:** Lillian Hellman's play about an artist back from World War II who seeks out his onetime lover, through April 15, \$23-\$29. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-553-8782, [americancentury.org](http://americancentury.org).

**SATURDAY ONLY Beautiful Freaks and Feats of Wonder:** Doc Walker's Olde Time Modern Day Sideshow features sideshow staples such as sword swallowers, contortionists and magicians. \$14. The Comedy Spot, 4238 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-294-5233.

**Boston Marriage:** The Actors' Theatre of Washington presents David Mamet's play about a female couple in the Victorian age, through April 2, \$26.50. Source Theatre, 1835 14th St. NW; 800-484-8497.



## TheScene

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY Cinderella Around the World, With a Twist! and Grimm Reality:** The Icarus and Iris Companies perform four versions of Cinderella shaded by different cultures and a one-act that mixes fairy tale characters and contemporary pop icons, Thurs. through March 25, \$10. 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, [imaginationstage.org](http://imaginationstage.org).

**Comic Briefs III: Briefer Madness:** Renegade Theater's comedy sketches and an original play, through April 9, \$20. Warehouse Theatre, 1021 7th St. NW; 703-684-7990, [renegadedc.org](http://renegadedc.org).

**SATURDAY ONLY Cyro Baptista with Beat the Donkey:** Samba dancers and Capoeira performers accompany live Brazilian percussionists using everything from bongos to Chinese temple blocks to refrigerators, \$20-\$30. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; 202-994-6800, [cyrobaptista.com](http://cyrobaptista.com).

**FRIDAY ONLY The Exonerated:** A series of stories about wrongly convicted men criticizes the American justice system and the death penalty, \$17-\$34. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax; 703-993-2787, [gmu.edu/cfa](http://gmu.edu/cfa).

**Fanny's First Play:** In honor of the 150th anniversary of George Bernard Shaw's birth, the Stage Guild presents his play about a college graduate's first play, through April 2, \$30-\$35. Stage Guild, 1901 14th St. NW; 240-582-0050, [stageguild.org](http://stageguild.org).

### OUT & ABOUT | THIS PLACE IS A CIRCUS



**NICE FANGS, BIG GUY:** Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus rides into town with all of its usual fanfare. Elephants, tigers, horses, trapeze artists, crazy daredevils, contortionists, animal trainers and some of the finest clowns in the clown business create orchestrated chaos for young and old at the D.C. Armory through Sunday.

#### LAST CHANCE The Golden Goose:

Alden Theatre presents this children's tale about a magical goose capable of laying golden eggs, through March 26, \$8. The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingle-side Ave., McLean; 703-790-0123.

#### Hamlet: Rep Stage's take on Shakespeare.

Let's just say a son is urged to avenge his father's murder, Fri. through April 9, \$12-\$24. 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia; 410-772-4900, [howardcc.edu/repstage](http://howardcc.edu/repstage).

**Haroun and the Sea of Stories:** The-ater Alliance performs Tim Supple's adaptation of Salman Rushdie's 1990 children's book, through April 2, \$25. H Street Play-

house, 1365 H St. NE; 202-396-2125, [theateralliance.com](http://theateralliance.com).

**Hip Hop Anansi:** An update of a Ghanaian folk story about a trickster whose children

come to his aid when he loses his powers, part of Imagination Stage's Deaf Access Program, through April 13, \$10-\$15. 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660,

[imaginationstage.org](http://imaginationstage.org).

**Hot Feet:** The premiere of this musical about an ambitious dancer who finds magical shoes features music by Earth, Wind and Fire founder Maurice White, through April 9, \$41.25-\$81.25. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-6161, [nationaltheatre.org](http://nationaltheatre.org).

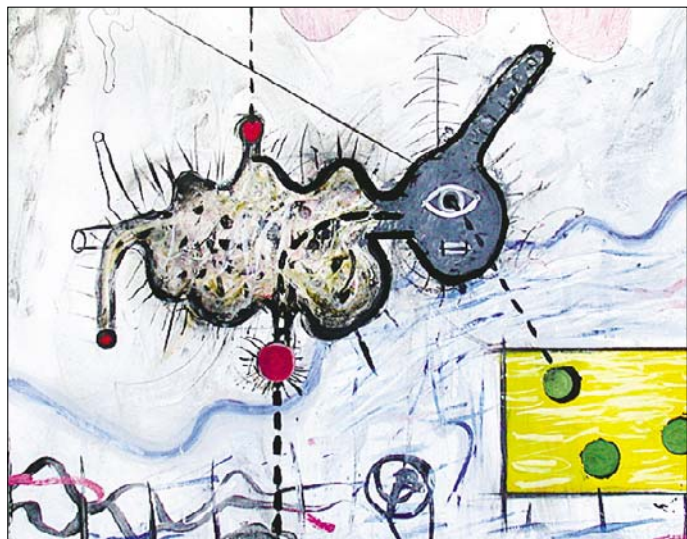
**Huck Finn's Story:** A theatrical adaptation of Twain's novel about a boy and a runaway slave's adventures on the Mississippi River, through April 25, \$12. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, [imaginationstage.org](http://imaginationstage.org).

**Irish Authors Held Hostage:** Irish authors from different eras are kidnapped by a wide variety of terrorists in this comedic commentary on the current war on terror, through April 15, \$20. Warehouse Theater, 1021 7th St. NW; 703-684-7990, [irishauthorsheldhostage.com](http://irishauthorsheldhostage.com).

**LAST CHANCE The Mai:** Solas Nua presents Marina Carr's play about a woman who is left with four children after her husband abandons her, through March 26, \$20. Josephine Butler Parks Center, 2437 15th St. NW; 202-462-7275, [solasnua.org](http://solasnua.org).

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### GALLERIES | WELL TAUT



**UPTIGHT AND OUTTASIGHT:** A broad range of artists working in many media are featured in a show called "Stretched Tight" at the Torpedo Factory's Target Gallery in Alexandria. The exhibition, whose defining theme seems to be "anything goes," comes down after this weekend.

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## TheScene

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### THIS WEEKEND ONLY A Poem: The Battle Between Fear and Desire:

The Miami-based Giovanni Luquini Performance Troupe augment this piece — about women struggling to unearth their hidden desires in modern society — with Latin-based beats. March 25 & 26, \$20. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600, [danceplace.org](http://danceplace.org).

### The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie: A

Scottish teacher in the 1930s faces dangerous consequences for her choices in

the midst of war and fascism, through April 15, \$32-\$52. The Metheny Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, [studiotheatre.org](http://studiotheatre.org).

**The Rainmaker:** N. Richard Nash's winning family comedy about a struggling farm family, through April 9, \$10-\$60. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-554-9066, [arenastage.org](http://arenastage.org).

**Rameau's Nephew:** Spooky Action Theatre's adaptation of Diderot's provocative story about a philosopher's debates with his selfish nephew, through April 2, \$25. Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, [flashpointdc.com](http://flashpointdc.com).

**The Reluctant Dragon:** A poetry-writing dragon who doesn't exactly strike fear

### DANCE | DOWN BELOW



**NOT A CLOUD ABOVE:** Strathmore hosts the North Carolina Dance Theatre on Sunday night as it performs "Under Southern Skies," four Southern-themed works with accompaniment by the bluegrass band Greasy Beans.

into the hearts of men, Fri. through April 2, \$10. Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 Glebe Rd., Arlington; 703-548-1154.

**LAST CHANCE Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus:** Clowns, daring stunts and exotic animals are all part of the 135th edition of this world-famous circus, through March 26, \$12-\$80. D.C. Armory, 2001 East Capital St. SE; 202-547-9077.

**SATURDAY ONLY The Saga of a Black Cowboy:** Jazz vocalist Allan Harris and the Cross That River band present a tale of an escaped slave who travels west in search of freedom, \$25. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St., NW; 202-467-4600,

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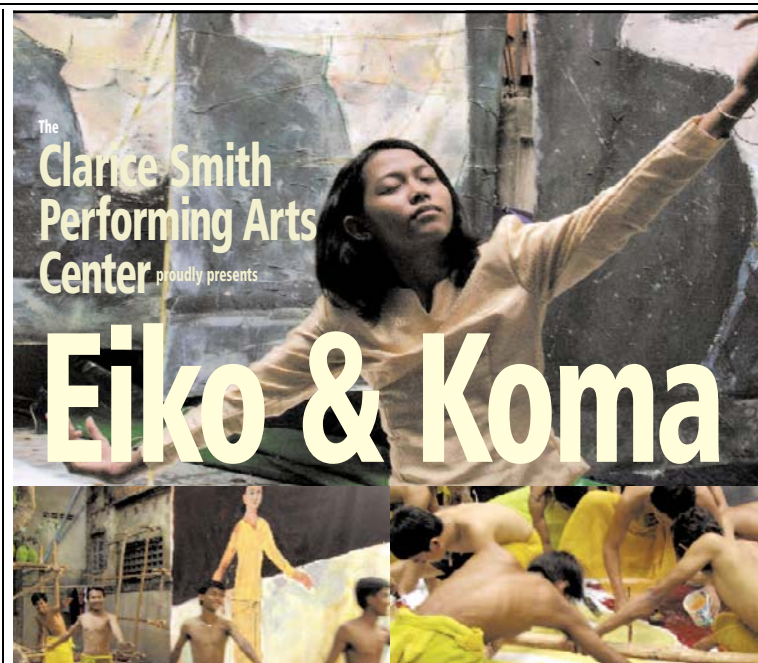
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**THIS WEEKEND ONLY Sexpose:** This "remix" explores lust, passion and consequences, March 25 & 26, free (donations). Annabelle Ferguson Auditorium, 5200 Silver Rd., Suitland; 301-297-7625, urbanchange.net.

**Shenandoah:** Scott Bakula stars in this musical about a rural Virginia family on the cusp of the Civil War, through May 21, \$25-\$52. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 202-397-7328, fordstheatre.org.

**SATURDAY ONLY Sleeping Beauty:** The Russian National Ballet company performs one of Marius Petipa's work, \$25-\$50. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; 703-993-2787, gmu.edu/cfa.

**SUNDAY ONLY Swan Lake:** This classic tale of a prince who tries to break an evil sorcerer's spell is performed by the Russian National Ballet company, \$25-\$50. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; 703-993-2787, gmu.edu/cfa.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY Tehreema Mitha Dance Company:** This multicultural dance troupe premieres the contemporary "Entree: The Main Course," and performs classical and other contemporary pieces, March 25 & 26, \$20. Joy of Motion Dance Center, 5207 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-276-2599, tehreemamitha-dancecompany.org.

**SATURDAY ONLY They Got Issues:** A church-going businessman and his younger wife can't settle their differences in this gospel-based production, \$25-\$35. Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U St. NW; 101-

328-6000, thelincolnthatre.org.

**SUNDAY ONLY Under the Southern Skies:** The North Carolina Dance Theatre performs a ballet tribute to Southern artists and musicians backed by bluegrass band Greasy Beans, \$21-\$45. Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-581-5200, strathmore.org.

**Urban Bush Women:** This production incorporates dance, live music and storytelling as it explores the diverse African-

American female experience, March 24 & 25, \$25. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St., NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

**Whole Against the Sky:** A gay man returns home to a tragedy and, years later, struggles to maintain a close relationship with his mother and sister, pay-what-you-can March 23 & 24, opens Sat., through April 15, \$20. Theater on the Run, 3700 South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-912-1649.

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